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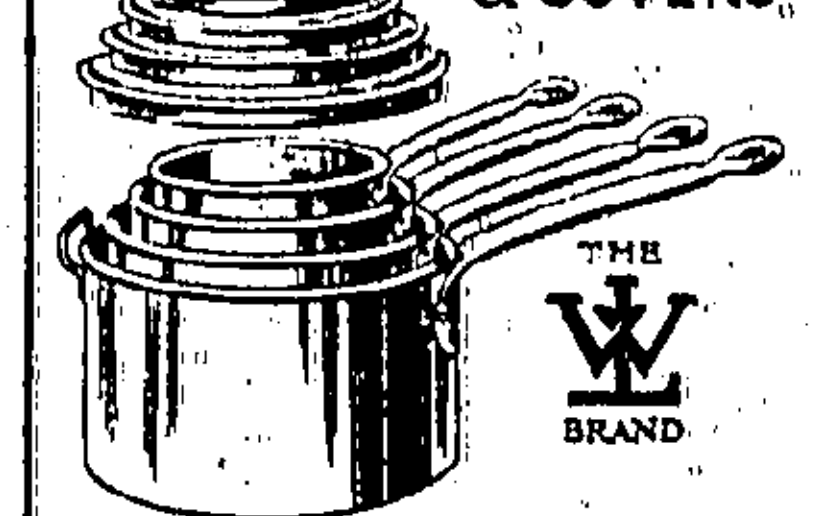
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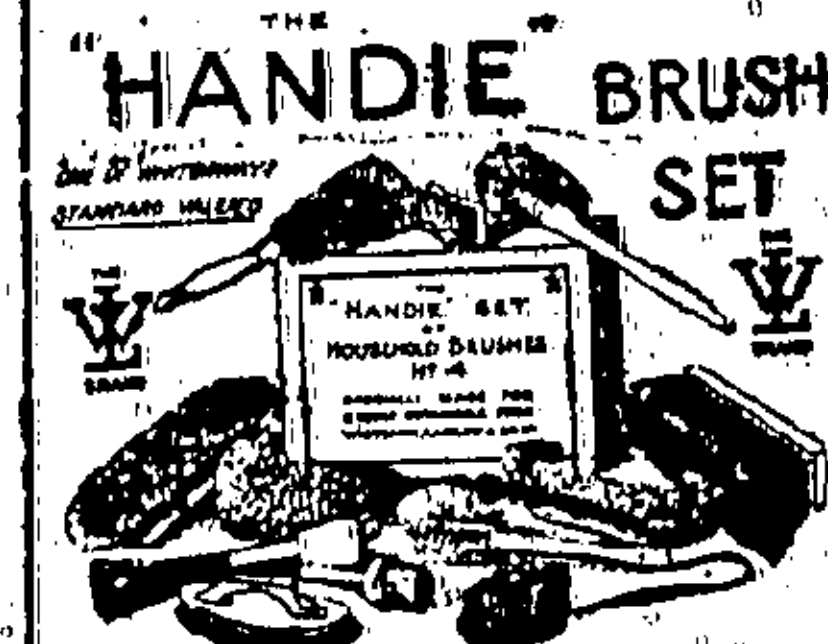
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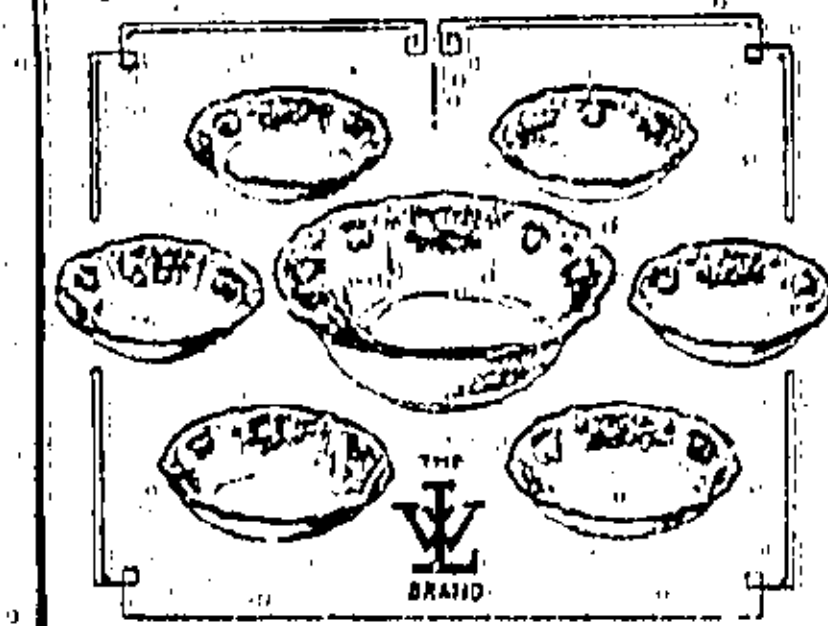


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TAX ANOMALIES.

Canton Special Levy in Operation.

RIVER SHIPPING TRIALS.

"All" Vessels to Submit to
Examination?

From Our Own Correspondent.
Samshui (West River), Nov. 24.
The special tax bureau of the
Nationalist Finance Ministry is
now in full operation at Wuchow
and there are many anomalies
arising out of an impossible situation.
It is well known that the bureau
levies 2½ per cent. on ordinary
imports and 5 per cent. on
luxuries. But for convenience, or
some other reason, the staff of
the bureau merely asks for half
the amount collected by the Chinese
Maritime Customs in Hui-
kwan tael.

If a part of any shipment comes
under the category of "luxuries,"
the bureau does not trouble to
work out its own assessment,
merely accepting the figures of
the Customs.

Similar Uniforms.
Should the Maritime Customs
make a seizure of goods not on
the manifest, the bureau also puts
in a claim for seizure, but the
merchandise is only handled in
these cases by the Customs.
There is no harm in making a
formal claim but the question of
custody does not arise.

The staff of the bureau now
wear a uniform much similar to
that of the Chinese Maritime
Customs. The outstanding ex-
ception is in the badge.

Instead of the dragon in the
middle of the emblem, the Na-
tionalist bureau men have a blue
medallion on which is superim-
posed the white-rayed sun.

Native exporters at Wuchow
have been notified by the bureau
that the penalty for a false de-
claration is three years' impris-
onment. The staff board, the
pail (pontoons serving for
wharves) in harbour and scruti-
nise manifests.

Liquor Shipment Astray.
I hear that the Customs Club at
Wuchow has not received a ship-
ment of stores which was sent
some time ago.

Inquiries among the National-
ist Inspection Corps at Do-sing
led to a belief that the stores had
gone astray—to Canton.

Subsequently some stores were
delivered through a British
steamerboat from Hong Kong.

A Portuguese merchant in the
liquor business lost altogether
115 cases of wine on one trip, 7
of which were for up-country
Roman Catholic missions. This
gentleman has now open to him
the course of interviewing the
Finance Ministry in Canton.

Conditions at Do-sing are differ-
ent. There the Inspection Corps
is only authorised to effect seiz-
ures of alleged contraband, but
there is no special tax bureau to
make collections.

Between Two Fires.
In this port (Samshui, further
down river), merchants are liter-
ally between two fires.

The Chinese gunboat which pre-
viously left after an encounter
with pirates has returned, and is
anchored close to the tow, near
the special tax bureau.

Native junks and cargo-boats
are told that they must stop for
examination at the Nationalist
depot, which is outside Samshui
harbour limits.

When that examination is over,
they proceed to enter port, going
a distance of 100 yards or so.
But because they have to submit
to the bureau they render them-
selves liable to a fine by the Mari-
time Customs for "anchoring in
transit and breaking bulk."

What Compliance Means.
Not every Hong Kong mer-
chant is aware that vessels going
from Hong Kong to Wuchow
must report to the Customs sta-
tion at Samshui in case of any
stoppage between Whangmoon
and Samshui due to fog, break-
down or other unforeseen circum-
stance of navigation. Failure to
do so can result in a smart fine.

But the special tax bureau in-
tends to establish a depot three
miles outside Samshui and trad-
ers have been informed that all
vessels, of whatever nationality,
will have to stop and submit to
search. Compliance with the
tax bureau can only mean run-
ning foul of the Customs.

Continued at foot of next column.

MURDER TRIAL.

CHASE BY UNARMED CONSTABLE.

TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

The whole of this morning's
proceedings in the Western Mar-
ket affray alleged murder case
were taken up with the examina-
tion and cross-examination of the
constable who first gave chase to
the prisoner as he ran from the
market with a dagger and heavy
iron file in his hand.

Witnesses detailed the course of
the chase along Cohnaught Road
and Des Vaux Road Central and
said that prisoner twice turned
round and, threatening with his
weapons, dared witness to come
on. Witness was unarmed.

When the prisoner was finally
overtaken by other police who
had come to the assistance of
witness, he still held on to the
dagger even when beaten to the
earth with a bamboo pole. Wit-
ness had to strike his hand re-
peatedly with a chisel before he
would let go of the dagger.

The Crown case against prison-
er has not yet been concluded.
There are six more witnesses to
be called. It was the
original intention of the
court to sit until late
tonight to finish the case but it
is doubtful whether this course
will be possible owing to the
length of cross-examination.

UNUSUAL EXCUSE.

"A WOOD-CUTTER'S SORE FOOT."

An Indian watchman charged
with cutting Government-owned
trees, pleaded that he had been told
to do so by a Chinese doctor who
directed that the leaves should be
boiled and made into a medicine
for application to his sore foot.
Observing that people were not al-
lowed to go about doing such
things, the Magistrate imposed a
fine of \$2.

The next case called in the same
Court was that of a Chinese charged
with a similar offence. Defen-
dant, in denying the charge, hit
upon the ingenious excuse that the
wood had been cut by another In-
dian. "Oh I see," said the Magis-
trate, "the last defendant came in
very useful to you?" Divisional
Inspector Grant proving a previous
conviction. His Worship fined the
defendant \$50 or one month's hard
labour.

HEARD IT BEFORE.

"I've heard that before," said Mr.
R. E. Lindell at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning, when a Chinese
charged with creating a distur-
bance in the streets, pleaded that
he had been pressed to join a Triad
Society—\$5.

CANTON SEAMEN.

Cordon Replaced at British Wharves.

Seamen who claim to have been
employed by the Steamboat Co.
prior to the strike are again
causing trouble.

After the resumption of traffic,
they picketed the company's
wharves in Canton and asked to
be reinstated.

Negotiations between inter-
mediaries brought about the
withdrawal of the cordon. This
week the ex-seamen are alleged
to have demanded the dismissal
of men of other departments on
shipboard, who remained loyal
during the boycott.

The truce has broken down as
so-called "peaceful pickets" have
re-appeared at the approaches to
the West Bund, outside the
Steamboat Co.'s wharves.

Early Settlement?
This had the instant effect of
causing the number of passengers
on one trip to drop below the 100
mark again.

From an unofficial source the
"China Mail" learns that there is
still a possibility of an under-
standing being reached by Dec-
1.

Canton, Nov. 25.
It was reported in Chinese
circles here yesterday that the
negotiations between the Sea-
men's Union and the Hong Kong,
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.,
Ltd. (7), for the reinstatement of
certain seamen who had left the
Company's service during the
strike, had broken down.

MEXICO CLOUD.

Situation "Exceptionally Serious."

UNITED STATES FIRM.

American Companies Arming
Employees.

Washington, Nov. 25.
While officials hold the opinion
that the United States cannot
take action in Mexico, anyway, till
Mexico enforces the oil land law
which is due to operate in Jan-
uary, United States companies
in Mexico are arming their em-
ployees with bombs and machine
guns in order to protect their prop-
erties.

A message from Mexico City
says that the situation is regard-
ed as exceptionally serious.

Some quarters hint that the
severe tone of Mr. Kellogg's notes

SATURDAY FEATURES.

Another local soccer cartoon by
Stan Hill will appear in to-
morrow's "China Mail."

"Patrol's" summing-up of the
prospects, and his selections, for
the extra race meeting, will also
be given to-morrow.

is due to the political significance
of the Roman Catholic vote in
America.

The opinion is generally held
that the vital issue is not so much
the fate of the American oil com-
panies as the question of the pre-
dominance of the United States or
Mexico in Central America as
shown by America's recent de-
claration concerning foreign in-
terference in Nicaragua.
Reuter's American Service.

Borah's Views.

Washington, Nov. 25.
Senator Borah is of the opinion
that there will not be any rupture
of American and Mexican diplo-
matic relations. He is unable to
find any ultimatum in the cor-
respondence exchanged with the
Mexican Government.—Reuter's
American Service.

AMOK ON SHIP.

CHINESE DECK PASSENGER'S MADNESS.

STABS FIVE OF CREW.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Singapore, Nov. 25.

A Chinese deck passenger ran
amok on the "Suwa Maru" yester-
day evening and stabbed five
members of the crew, of whom
one died before the assailant was
overpowered.

The "Suwa Maru" is one of
the best known of the N.Y.K.
boats on the Europe-Far East
(via Suez) run. She left Singa-
pore to-day and is due here on
Tuesday. The incidents reported
occurred before departure for
Hong Kong. The majority of the
crew are Japanese.]

PEKING MINISTER.

CONFERS WITH GOVERNOR IN HONG KONG.

TO LEAVE ON "DESPATCH."

In order that he might the
more fully acquaint himself with
the position in South China by
conference with H.E. the Gov-
ernor, the new British Minister to
Peking (Mr. Miles Lampson) who
is passing through the Colony on
his way out from home to take
up his new appointment is re-
maining in Hong Kong for a few
days.

Mr. Miles Lampson disembarked
from the s.s. "Macedonia" on its
arrival in Hong Kong and is
staying at Government House
until Saturday. He will then pro-
ceed north by H.M.S. "Des-
patch."

Mrs. Lampson and their child-
ren have gone on to Shanghai by
the "Macedonia."

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar
on demand to-day was 1/11 1/16.

PARDONED.

JAMES EDWARD ATHERLEY RELEASED.

NOW ON HIS WAY HOME.

The "China Mail" understands
that a pardon has been granted
James Edward Atherley, who, on
January 17 last, was sentenced by
the Chief Justice (Sir Henry C.
Gollan) to two years' hard la-
bour following a long and
sensational trial at the Supreme
Court for embezzlement of money
for the property of his employers,
Messrs. Getz Bros. (of the
Orient), Ltd. Mr. Atherley is at
present on his way to the United
States.

The authorities concerned are
reluctant with regard to the mat-
ter, but as far as can be ascer-
tained, Atherley, who had made
several apparently unsuccessful
attempts to have his sentence re-
duced, recently received intima-
tion that His Excellency the
Governor had reviewed the case
and that it had been decided that
he be released from custody and
given a passage to the United
States. This was accordingly
done, Atherley being escorted
one evening to a trans-Pacific
liner by which he proceeded to
his native country.

COOK HURT.

REPULSE-BAY KITCHEN "SCRAP."

"BRUSHED AGAINST KNIFE."

A 'scrap' in the kitchen of the
Repulse Bay Hotel has its sequel at
the Central Magistracy this morn-
ing, when the No. 1 cook accused
a foki of wounding him with a
knife.

Defendant denied having struck
the complainant with the knife and
asked Mr. Lindell to believe that
the wound was caused by the com-
plainant "brushing up against" the
knife when the latter was lying on
a table.

His Worship decided to hear
evidence.
Complainant said that he had or-
dered the defendant to strain some
juice and the latter had refused.
Witness pushed the defendant
who picked up a butcher's
knife and wounded him in the fore-
arm. He could produce no wit-
nesses.

Eugene Fourer, French chef at
the Hotel, said that complainant
was one of twenty cooks employ-
ed in the kitchen at Repulse Bay
Hotel. Witness had had consid-
erable trouble with the defendant
in the past and at the time of the
assault last night he, witness, was
actually engaged in writing out a
discharge paper concerning the
defendant. He did not actually see
the affair, but was called on the
scene immediately afterwards.

Defendant said that he could pro-
duce three foks who witnessed the
quarrel and His Worship said that
he would adjourn the case until
to-morrow morning to enable him
to do so.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the weather
forecast for Hong Kong, the south
China coast and Formosa Channel
is: fresh N.E. winds, fine.

At 10.57 a.m. to-day the Obser-
vatory reported:—Pressure has de-
creased considerably over central
and N.E. Japan and increased
slightly from N. Formosa to Chefoo.
It is nearly stationary elsewhere.
The anti-cyclone has strengthened
slightly. A depression is central
over the Sea of Japan. It is mov-
ing eastward. Fresh monsoon
may be expected along the S.E.
coast of China and over the China
Sea.

Meteorological observations at 6
a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.07; tem-
perature 65; humidity 84; wind E.,
force 3; weather, blue sky.

ONE BITE—ONE RING.

"I've only evidence that the man
rang the bell once," said Mr. R. E.
Lindell at the Central Magistracy
this morning, when a Chinese was
charged with persistently and
maliciously ringing door bells.
"Is nobody allowed one ring?"
"Is a dog allowed one bite?"
quizzed the Magistrate.

RUHR PLOT.

Another War Europe Missed.

STARTLING REVELATIONS.

Murder of All Foreign
Troops!

Berlin, Nov. 25.

Following the admission of
Herr Gessler, Minister of De-
fence, in the Reichstag, that at
the time of the Ruhr invasion,
German Nationalist organisations
contemplated forcible ejection of
the invaders, it now appears that
officers of the old German Army
and extremists at one time plan-
ned to have "Sicilian vespers" in
Germany in which all foreign
troops would be murdered. They
also proposed to form an army of
60,000 disciplined workmen in the
Ruhr, while Russia's aid was also
to be enlisted in "the fight for
freedom."

The extremist leaders prepared
to abandon Germany to the
enemy as far as the river Elbe
where a final stand would be
made.—Reuter.

War Guilt.

Berlin, Nov. 25.

The Reichstag has rejected the
non-confidence motion lodged by
the Communists and extreme Na-
tionalists. A resolution by the
non-Socialist parties requesting
the Government to examine whether
the League Covenant offered a
possibility of referring the in-
vestigation of war guilt to an in-
ternational court of arbitration
was adopted against the votes of
the Socialists and Communists.—
Reuter.

COAL TERMS.

SCOTLAND FALLING INTO LINE.

NOW 428,000 MEN BACK.

London, Nov. 25.

Satisfactory progress is being
made in Scotland towards settle-
ment of the coal dispute.

Matters have been left in the
hands of a small joint committee
which will submit the terms to each
side for ratification.

Officials of the Lancashire and
Cheshire Miners' Federation have
discussed terms with the coal
owners. These will be submitted
to the miners' conference in Lon-
don to-morrow.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 25.

428,000 miners were working to-
day.—Reuter.

Eight Hour Day.

London, Nov. 20.

The Scottish coalowners' and
miners' representatives have ar-
rived at an agreement which will
be submitted to both sides.

It is understood that the agree-
ment provides for an eight hour
day and a nominal minimum wage
of 9s. 4d.

The Northumberland Miners'
Council has decided to recommend
acceptance of the owners' terms,
including the 7½ hour shift for
hewers and 8 hours for other
workers.

After a lengthy conference at
Cannock Chase the coalowners and
miners at Birmingham failed to
reach agreement, but the great
majority of the men are working.
—Reuter.

SEX OF A CARP.

DISPUTE LEADS TO KICK IN SPLEEN.

A quarrel over the sex of a carp
at a stall in the Central Market had
its sequel in Major Wilson's
Court at the Central Magistracy
this morning, when a Chinese stall-
holder was charged with assault
and causing serious bodily harm to
a customer. Inspector Marks in-
formed the Magistrate that the com-
plainant was in hospital suffering
from a kick in the spleen and asked
for an adjournment for a week.
Defendant was accordingly remand-
ed in custody.

"You are Government servants, it
is your business to keep the peace,
not to break it," said Mr. Lindell
to three Sanitary Board coolies
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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 26th November, 1926.

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SOVIET AND CHINA.

WILL CHINA GO COMMUNIST? STRENGTH OF SOCIAL TRADITION.

That Russia's policy in China is not based on statesmanship, but on subsidies, and that as soon as these subsidies cease so soon will the Soviet be deserted by those Chinese nationalists who now look to Moscow for light and leading, is the opinion of the "Observer" who in the course of an interesting article shows how the Soviet finances its propaganda and what the chances of Bolshevism are. Mr. Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador to Peking, to repair in some way the inroads which the Chinese nationalist cause is making in Soviet funds, has, the correspondent says, very cleverly gained control of the disbursement of Russia's share of the Boxer Indemnity to secure the co-operation of Sino-Soviet friendship. To begin with, the prize was not his at all, as the Soviet in its first flush of internationalism renounced all the so-called imperialist privileges obtained from China by the czarists. One of these was the reparation exacted for the Boxer folly in 1907, for which the Chinese Customs revenue is still hypothecated. Every year instalments are released by the foreign-managed Customs administrations to the designated foreign banks, and the balance handed to the Chinese Government.

Moscow cast Russia's interest in the indemnity into the imperialist rubbish-heap along with its European debts. On September 27, 1920, Mr. Karakhan, then Acting Commissar of Foreign Affairs, declared "void of force all the treaties concluded with China by the former Government," and "renounced all seizures of Chinese territory and all Russian concessions in China, without compensation and forever." But in May, 1924, Mr. Karakhan, in the meantime appointed to Peking, reclaimed the China dossier for the purpose of bargaining recognition with Peking.

The Boxer Indemnity. Karakhan undertook to devote the funds to educational purposes. Disbursement was to be in the hands of a committee of three—two Chinese, who are the leaders of the Chinese Communist group, and one Russian, who is on the staff of the Embassy. All three have been away from Peking for many months, leaving Karakhan's imprimatur a necessary preliminary to the release of the money to the schools.

The schools are the most fertile fields for Soviet propaganda. Subvention is practised among teachers and students alike, and the bounty of Boxer funds has enriched the stream of subsidies to keep them nourished in their enthusiasm.

But, apart from subsidies, no matter what you vociferate in China, you will attract an unimaginable amount of credulity. This credulity is a concomitant of an unripe political consciousness. The power of the written word is just as potent as it was in the days when any scrap of printed paper was safe from destruction. All the Powers except Great Britain recognise its compelling force. Politicians quail before attack even by fly-by-night mimeograph manipulators with facilities for circulating fifty copies of an alleged news service. They hasten immediately to the printing establishment with the necessary bribe or blandishment.



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The 1924 Agreement brought Russia back to North Manchuria. Formerly, the Czarist Government's share in the Chinese Eastern railway was camouflaged by the Russo-Asiatic Bank. But to-day the exiled Russian share is openly enjoyed by the Moscow Government, and without the slightest subterfuge. In fact, great play is made of this glaring impingement on China's sovereign rights. The Soviet in its Chinese Eastern aspect stands forth as the trustee for the Chinese people in running the railway as a commercial proposition. But the bruising of any suggestion that foreign trusteeship of other railways in China might be highly beneficial to the Chinese people at this time of decay and disintegration would make the schools resound with indignation.

Manchuria Absorbed.

Contiguous to North Manchuria is Mongolia, once the homeland of the virile Khans, now permanently enervated by lamaistic Buddhism, disease and decadence. Here the Soviet exercises prevailing influence, and a glance at the map will show that this means the addition to the Soviet fold, politically if not territorially, of a domain half the size of the United States. Russians are stationed at all the points, along the thousand-mile trade route cutting through Mongolia to Chinese Turkestan. It was a centuries-old trade, maintained without let or hindrance. Now the Soviet, by its control of the trading posts, is able to deflect much of that produce through Russia and Siberia. Vexatious impositions are driving the caravanners into China proper, where they are trying to carve out a new route with a lack of success which is due to the prevalence of banditry. So is China in the process of severance from an historic trade with the outposts of its empire.

First, economic severance, then political divorce. That is the tendency in far Western China. Having gobbled Mongolia, the Soviet is nibbling the edge of Chinese Turkestan, having already alarmed the Chinese Governor to such a degree that three years ago he succumbed to the pressure and signed an agreement with the Soviet before recognition came from Peking. If this way Moscow is turning the corner from Mongolia into the region which Sir Aurel Stein calls Serindia, trying to keep pace with a corresponding movement from the West, which has as its ultimate objective the North-West frontier of India.

Bolshevist Chances.

China contains all the elements necessary in the development of Soviet influence—disorder, poverty, and a budding national consciousness. There is a further incentive to endeavour—virulent xenophobia. By stimulating this hostility, Moscow is helping to attack the Western Powers in the weakest link of their armour, the need for trade.

Will China ever embrace the Soviet creed? It is a question now forced upon observers by the bid for power by the party closest to the Soviet, the Cantonese, and the increasing disregard of the Chinese for treaty obligations. In the presence of chaos nobody would hazard any prophecy about the future, least of all in China, where prophecy is indeed the most fertile form of error. But there are fundamentals of character which as yet are untouched by the present discontents. China's social system remains the antithesis of the communist credo. The Chinese are familialistic, not communistic, and in public life this familism is expressed in extreme nepotism. Moreover, they are overwhelmingly rural. Outside the bounds of the few, the world is strange and alien and antipathetic. The Third International committed a capital mistake, therefore, when it chose Chinese characters meaning "sharing property" to designate Communism. In this guise, the gospel was sown throughout the country, and it was only when some Canton leaders became impressed with Bolshevism that steps were taken to remedy the mistake. Characters denoting "creation of property" have been substituted, but they cannot hope to undo the distrust which the original designation created in the minds of the common people. Yet, as in Russia, the masses are inarticulate and apathetic—mere pawns in the political chess-board.

ARMY RATIONS DEARER.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The garrison ration of the army for the last fiscal year cost 36.12 cents, Major General Frank B. Chennetham, quartermaster general of the army, stated to-day in his annual report. The figures have some bearing upon the fact that the army has found it impossible to maintain its average strength at 118,000 men for the present fiscal year on the estimated ration of 36 cents a man, laid down by the Budget Bureau, and therefore was obliged to cut the enlisted personnel to 110,000 men. Associated Press.

HONG KONG TO-DAY.

REFERENCE BY SECRETARY FOR COLONIES.

"CANNOT BE COERCED"

Speaking as Secretary of State for the Colonies before the delegates to the Imperial Conference, Mr. Amery, on Oct. 21, gave a review of the position of the Colonies, Territories, and Mandated Territories. Inter alia he said: From Malaya I pass on to Hong Kong, one of the most remarkable examples of what British Colonisation has meant in the last two generations. We took it over as a barren rock some 70 years ago. It is, or was until a few months ago, the largest in-and-out shipping port in the world, and had built up an immense trade. Its prosperity at the beginning of last year was unexampled. Then there came a sudden check arising from those anti-foreign troubles which swept in varying degrees through China, and especially Southern China, to which the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs referred. In Canton, in particular, we have had to deal with a body of strikers which has endeavoured by the weapon of the boycott to intimidate and break Hong Kong altogether. The strike failed completely in its object, and within a very few months became a thing of the past, and as far as Hong Kong itself was concerned its life during the greater part of the present year has gone on as usual. On the other hand, the trade of Hong Kong has been paralysed by the boycott of British shipping which has been carried on in Canton ever since. But largely due to the fact that Hong Kong has shown that it cannot be coerced this boycott is, I believe, coming to an end. I ought to add that Hong Kong was able to see its way through that crisis, thanks to the generous co-operation of other Colonial territories. A loan of £3,000,000 was promptly guaranteed as soon as the trouble broke out by the West African Currency Board and by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. While only a comparatively small portion of the loan has been used, the fact that it was available has enabled Hong Kong to see its way through the crisis and the whole matter affords a very interesting example of how different portions of the Empire can help each other in time of crisis.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE MAN LIFE PASSED BY."

"The Man Life Passed By," to be screened to-day and tomorrow, is a new Metro production, and reveals itself as an intriguing photoplay. It tells a dramatic story, and it is rich in elements of popular appeal.

An excellent cast that has Percy Marmont, Jane and Eva Novak in sister roles, Cullen Landis, Lydia Knott and Hobart Bosworth, make very real this story of a man who finally rises triumphant, through the help of the daughter of his enemy, over misfortunes that nearly downed him. The absorbing action, interspersed with fights and thrills, has many gripping dramatic scenes.

Percy Marmont has the title role of a man whose bitterness against the world nearly proves his own undoing, until love takes a hand. Hobart Bosworth is "Iron Man" Moore, who ruined the unrecognized inventor, and it is a rare coincidence that Jane and Eva Novak have sister roles in the photoplay as his daughters. Cullen Landis is the father's secretary, in love with the younger daughter. This combination of characters is set in a series of incidents that develop into a great emotional struggle.

"GETS-IT" ENDS CORNS

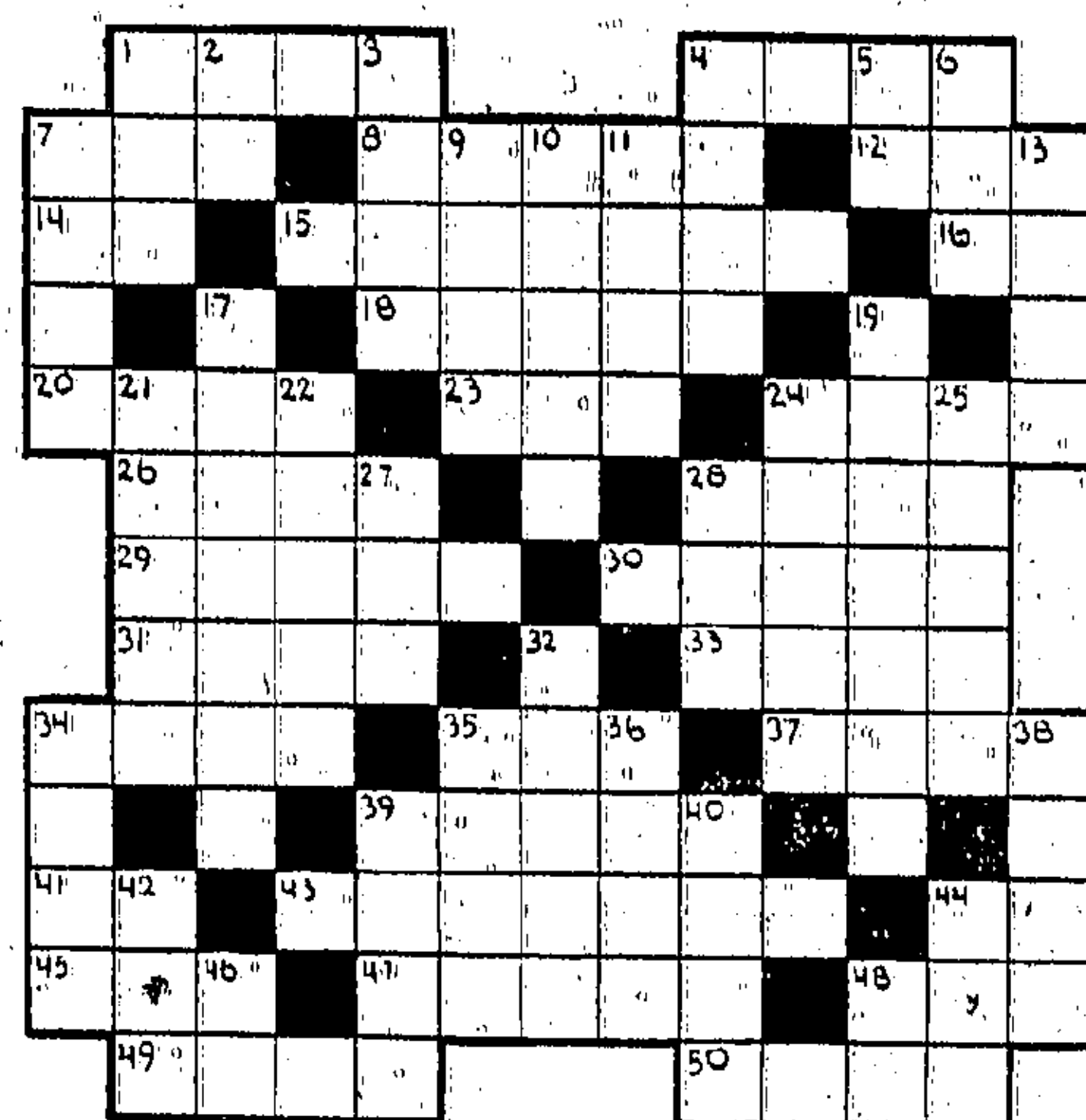
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A long tooth
- 4-Temporary state of mind
- 7-To project
- 8-A fruit
- 12-In what way
- 14-Upon
- 15-Looking glasses
- 16-Toward
- 18-Loud sound
- 20-Narrow strip of wood
- 23-Grief
- 24-Prod
- 25-A pedant
- 26-Figure
- 28-Pertaining to punishment
- 30-To waken abruptly
- 31-Falls behind
- 32-A broad smile
- 34-A leave
- 35-Despotic

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37-A large extinct pigeon
- 39-Famous French painter
- 41-From
- 43-A wooden road instrument
- 44-Pronoun
- 45-To swab
- 47-Converse
- 48-Male child
- 49-A kind of file
- 50-Blot

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Phrase
- 17-Streaked
- 19-The act of twisting
- 21-To petition, as for aid
- 22-Depend
- 24-Melon-like fruit
- 25-After
- 27-Motor fuel (colloq.)
- 28-Mist
- 32-Not so good
- 34-Fate
- 35-Got up
- 38-A shoe
- 39-Domestic animal
- 40-To lodge temporarily
- 42-In favor of
- 43-Very warm
- 44-Eastern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 48-Thus

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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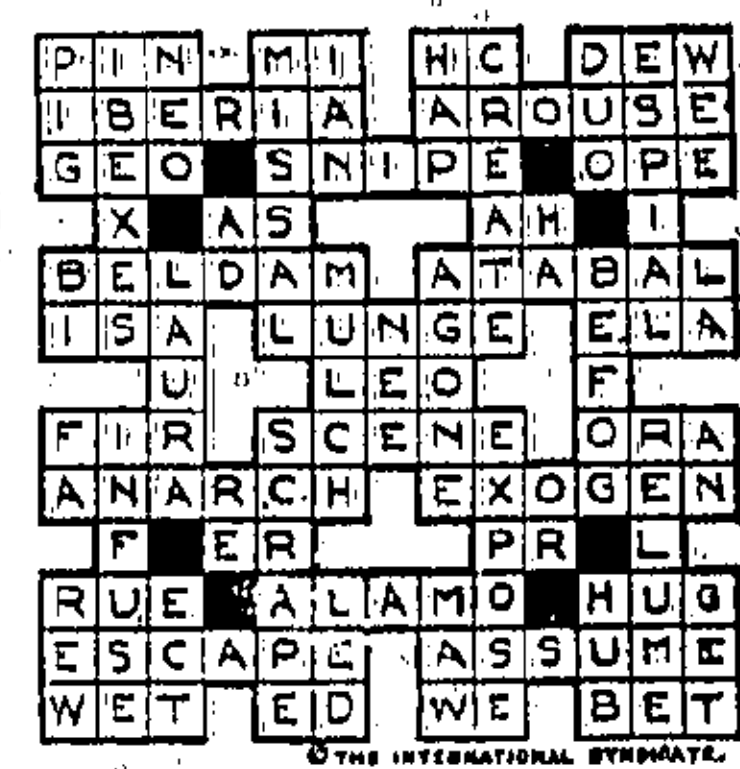
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Niasikisen, from Amoy.
Mayin, from Shanghai.
Leas, from Manila.
Mellowed, from Kobe.
Meneary, from New York.
E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Nov. 25, 1926.

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Gutco, from Dairen.
Landair, from Trimulgherry.
E. J. PATERSON, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 25th Nov., 1926.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1754
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Materbeds)	287
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1271

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

SOMETHING TO SEND HOME.

Events in China and in Hong Kong, of vital interest as regards the safety of foreign lives, have again occurred this week. Such have been reported daily in the "China Mail" and these reports are fully reproduced in the "Overland China Mail."

For the information of friends at Home or abroad, the posting of a copy will save a lot of tedious letter writing.

First of all there was the piratical attack on the Maryknoll missionaries.

The assault on Miss Frieda Frommel, the Shanghai teacher, is another incident.

The aftermath of the "Sunning" piracy will also be found in this week's "Overland."

This week has also seen three notable visits. The passing through of Swedish Royalty, the visit of General Bramwell Booth and the call paid by the "Ryndam" floating university are carefully described.

The Interport cricket cartoon and notes on the latter half of the Shanghai's team visit will also be found in the issue.

In addition, all the weekly local, topical and "Chinese" news is included, with the necessary footnotes and explanations for the information of the non-Chinese.

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SANTOS MARU Sunday, 5th December.

MOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th December.

TACOMA MARU Tuesday, 7th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SANUKI MARU Friday, 26th November.

RANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Tuesday, 30th November.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.

HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports: San Francisco and Panama.

HAMBURG MARU (From Shanghai) End of November.

JAPAN PORTS.

HONOLULU MARU Saturday, 11th December.

ATLAS MARU Sunday, 12th December.

SEATTLE MARU Friday, 24th December.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

KAJO MARU Sunday, 28th November 10 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 6th December, 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 2nd December, 8 a.m.

KAKAO and KEBILUNG.

KOROKU MARU Tuesday, 23rd November.

GANGES MARU Wednesday, 1st December.

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SHIPPING SECTION.**SHIPPING NOTES.**

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The P. & O. steamer "Karmala" arrived this morning from Yokohama and Shanghai and reports that an Indian member of the crew fell overboard between Shanghai and Hong Kong. She brought 88 first-class passengers, 30 tons of general cargo and 206 bags of mail. She will leave for Marseilles and London to-morrow at noon.

From Los Angeles and Manila, the U.S.S. steamer "West Prospect" arrived yesterday afternoon with 218 tons of general cargo, 193 tons of sugar, and 20 bags of mail. Messrs. Swayne and Hoyt (local agents) will despatch her for Shanghai after loading here.

The P. & O. steamer "Macedonia" left at noon to-day for Japan via Shanghai with passengers, cargo and Siberian mail. She arrived yesterday from London with 116 first-class passengers, 610 tons of general cargo and 554 bags of mail.

The Admiral Oriental liner "President Jackson" is expected to arrive here to-morrow afternoon from Shanghai.

With a cargo of 881 tons, 5 first-class passengers, and 13 bags of mail from Keelung and Swatow, the O.S.K. steamer "Kaijo Maru" arrived this morning. She will be despatched for Swatow and Keelung on Sunday morning.

From Sandakan the s.s. "Hinsang" of the Indo-China S.N. Co. arrived this morning with 116 third-class passengers and 3,780 tons of timber for Hong Kong.

The Japanese steamer "Macassar Maru" arrived yesterday afternoon from Kobe with 233 tons of cement and 1,000 tons of coal for Hong Kong. The Nanyo Y.K. will despatch her for Batavia and Semarang to-morrow after loading here.

Arriving late last night, the French steamer "Jade" brought 200 tons of general cargo and some livestock for discharge here.

En route to Australia via Manila, Sandakan and Balikpapan, the s.s. "Calulu" of the Austral-China Navigation Co. is scheduled to sail this afternoon.

With 2,000 tons of salt and 800 tons of general cargo, the British steamer "Haldie" arrived this morning from Tourane.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:-

Macedonia (5667) Bri., from London and Singapore; M. M. & Co. Karmala (5680) Bri., from Yokohama and Shanghai; M. M. & Co. Autolytus (4859) Bri., from Liverpool and Singapore; B. & S. Yingchow (1216) Bri., from Amoy; B. & S. Haidis (1144) Bri., from Tourane; Wo Fat Sing.

Hinsang (1886) Bri., from Sandakan; J. M. Hop Sang (1359) Bri., from Tsingtao and Swatow; J. M. General Metzinger (5524) French, from Marseilles and Saigon; M. M. Jade (386) French, from Hothow; Shun Cheong.

Empire Arrow (4960) American, from Beaumont and Bombay; Standard Oil Co. West Prospect (4620) American, from Los Angeles and Manila; Swayne & Hoyt.

Macassar Maru (2511) Jap., from Kobe and Karatsu; Nanyo Y. K. Lushan Maru (1507) Japanese, from Shanghai and Canton; N. Y. K. Kaijo Maru (1126) Japanese, from Keelung and Swatow; O. S. K. Departures.

For Saigon: Hubro. For Hothow: Taming. For Amoy: Tjildal. For Swatow: Cheongahing, Bochow.

For Canton: Hopsang, Szechuen. For Moji: Anyo Maru. For Hongay: Fuku Maru. For Tsingtao: Yeljun Maru. For Singapore: Scheer, Van Cloon, Devanha.

For Shanghai: Haimun, Eclipsa, Autolytus. For Haiphong: Tonkin.

Clearances. For Manila: President Taft. For Singapore: Sanuki Maru. For Kobe: Protections.

For Saigon: Telemachus.

FORCED DOWN.

TWO PLANES FAIL TO MAKE COLON.

Washington, November 25.—Both seaplanes proceeding to Colon have made forced landings. One came down at the Isle of Pines, Cuba, owing to petrol having been exhausted and the other was forced to descend owing to engine trouble in Caribbean Sea, where it was found by a cruiser 213 miles south of the Isle of Pines.

The navy's attempt to beat the non-stop long-distance seaplane record has therefore been unsuccessful. The planes are endeavouring to reach Colon, 2,060 miles.

The previous record, 1,841 miles, was established by the late Commander Rodgers last year from the Pacific coast to Hawaii.

One seaplane is now being towed to Colon by the cruiser "Cincinnati," and the second is continuing the flight from the Isle of Pines, after refuelling.—Reuter's American Service.

FOG AT HOME.

RAIL AND SEA TRAFFIC DELAYED.

Rugby, November 25.—Wide-spread fog prevailed throughout Britain yesterday and to-day, which necessitated lighting of street lamps and flares.

Transport was greatly impeded on roads and railways, and river and seaboard traffic suffered delay. Several accidents have occurred, but there has been no loss of life attributed to the fog.

The most serious accident was a railway collision between two passenger trains to Southend. They were travelling slowly, and although many passengers suffered minor injuries only two were detained in hospital.—British Wireless Service.

DAIREN CHANGES.

Notice has been given that the Koseki-sho buoy (black conical) at Dairen, marking Koseki-sho, close south-eastward of the rock awash about 1/2 mile eastward of Segment Rock, off the southern point of Da-chan-shan-tao, "Elliot Group," was withdrawn on November 8 and the Koseki-sho Beacon has been established there as follows:—

The beacon is 20 feet high above sea-level and painted black, surmounted by a black spherical daymark.

Furthermore, another black wooden beacon has been established on the branch shoal, N. 12 degrees W. from Koseki-sho Beacon, distance 4 cables, 16 feet high above sea-level.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	25
American	3
Norwegian	2
German	1
Panama	1
Japanese	5
Chinese	16
Dutch	5
Portuguese	2
French	1
Total	62

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Effective with the sailing of the "President Wilson" from Hong Kong on Dec. 19, all Dollar Steamship Line trans-Pacific steamers to San Francisco will proceed from the port of San Francisco to Los Angeles, with three days' stop-over at San Francisco. They will remain at Los Angeles for one day, returning to San Francisco and stopping four days before making the return trip to the Orient.

TUNGCHOW BEACON.

Notice has been given that, owing to changes in the Tungchow Crossing (Yangtze River), the Tungchow Beacon has been moved 8.5 cables, S. 61 degrees E.

From the new position of the beacon, the Custom House tower bears N. 87 1/2 degrees W., distant 2.55 miles.

All bearings given are magnetic.

Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 3.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 8.30 a.m. left Kobe at 5 p.m. and is due at Nagasaki to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Vancouver on November 29.

The M. V. s.s. "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on October 23 and is due here, on or about November 30.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on November 25 at 3 p.m. left Yokohama on November 24 at 10 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong on December 1.

Hong Kong's quarantine restrictions against shipping arrivals from Hoihow on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

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SAILINGS 1927.

STEAMERS	H'Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Yokohama	Yokohama
	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 23
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 7	Feb. 13
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 28	Mar. 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23	July 31

(E/Asia and E/Russia call Nagasaki after departure from Shanghai)

Connecting sailings St. John to Liverpool.

MONROSE	February 4	MONROSE	April 2
MONTEAIRN	February 19	MONTECLAIRE	April 23
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MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
NELLURE	8,853	23rd Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,136	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIKZAPORE	8,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,344	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMER	9,086	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
NELLURE	8,853	3rd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,594	10th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,020	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	3rd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	24th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	8,097	30th April	Marseilles and London
MALWA	10,941	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	26th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKLIWA	9,086	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	9,949	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	8,956	4th Dec.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
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TANDA	8,956	4th March	
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MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
KASHMER	9,086	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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The naval correspondent of the "China Express and Telegraph" says:—

From the very hour that the Singapore Base scheme was mooted I pointed out the futility of such a base unless it were constructed to accommodate the biggest battleships in commission when it was launched. Since the original scheme was launched, of course, it was found necessary owing to the curse of party government to considerably modify it in the hope of mollifying the Opposition, and thus we find that the original graving docks, built of masonry in the usual manner, are not to be constructed. Instead, a floating dock, of docks, will take their place and these must of necessity be of sufficient dimensions to take in anything up to the "Hood," whose 43,000 tons is likely to be the maximum for many a long day to come. Some experts are trying to anticipate Admiralty intentions with regard to the class of ships which are likely to be stationed in the Pacific in the future. It is pointed out that the construction of a floating dock capable of taking a 40,000-tonner and upwards does not mean that the Battleship Squadron is to be based on Singapore, but in my opinion a Battleship Squadron will be stationed in the Pacific. There was one there previously—at least on the China Station—and why not again, seeing how paramount are British interests over such a tremendous area and to which at least two naval Powers are making dominant claims.

Be it noted, the steady trend of opinion, viz., that the East Indies Squadron based on Trincomallai—the new old base in Ceylon—and the potential scheme to base the reorganised Royal Indian Navy on one of the Andamans is simply part and parcel of the Singapore scheme. Anything affecting the China Station, must of necessity affect the East Indies Station and vice versa, and certainly there is very much to commend the idea of making Trincomallai a subsidiary base to Singapore. Attacks on our Antipodean possessions must come from the North, therefore the North and its flanks must be guarded. Meantime, over eight years have to run before the Singapore Base can become a realised fact and it may be that progressive attack and defence may lead to some modifications of the original plan. It has been pointed out that the Singapore Naval base is singularly exempt from landward attack, owing to its position on a long jutting piece of ground, and that seaward attack is being made more and more difficult as time goes on. Up till quite recently floating docks were more susceptible to the effect of bombardment than the ordinary masonry dock, but the modern system of contact mines, cruising submarines and fast rushing destroyers has minimised the mischief likely to be done by long range firing into such a naval base as Singapore will be.

CHINA COAST.

Captain A. H. Bathurst, of the "Changchow," is on reserve. Captain C. E. Fisher, of the "Kinkiang," has gone master, Changchow.

Mr. P. D. Cooper, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Klungchow."

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, supply second engineer, "Sinkiang," has gone supply second engineer, "Szechuen."

Mr. N. D. Bain, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Hulchow."

Mr. W. S. Smith, third engineer, "Hulchow," is on reserve.

Mr. A. L. Moore has been appointed supply second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. G. Clark, second officer, "Kungwo," has gone second officer, "Klangwo."

Mr. J. S. Black, chief engineer, "Pingwo," is on reserve. Mr. J. S. Holmes, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Pingwo."

Mr. T. McCreath, chief engineer, "Tuckwo," is on reserve. Mr. D. Smith, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. D. Anderson, chief engineer, "Kingwo," has gone chief engineer, "Suwoi."

Mr. J. Gunn, chief engineer, "Suwoi," has gone chief engineer, "Kingwo."

Mr. G. G. Patterson, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Lienhsing."

Mr. A. Turnbull, chief engineer, "Lienhsing," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Adam, reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "Cheongshing."

Mr. W. Jenkins, second engineer, "Lok Sun," has gone second engineer, "New Mathilde."

Mr. J. Henderson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Fook On."

Captain C. Taylor, from leave, has gone master, "Hainan."

Captain "Z. S. Soden," of the "Hainan," is on leave.

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Haiphong via Hoihow	WINGSANG	Thurs., 2nd Dec., at 10 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Fri., 3rd Dec., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri., 3rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	FOOSHING	Tues., 7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
Singapore via Swatow	SUISANG	Tues., 7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	CHIPSANG	Tues., 7th Dec., at 2 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Wed., 8th Dec., at Noon.
Kobe	HOSANG	Thurs., 9th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	HANGSANG	Tues., 14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
Kobe	KUMSANG	Sat., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Mon., 20th Dec., at Noon.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KAISANG	Thurs., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.

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"SUNNING" PIRACY.

DETAINED AMOY MERCHANT RELEASED.

A Chinese merchant from Amoy, who was detained by the Police for inquiries after the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" last week, has now been released.

It is understood that a business connection in Hong Kong made a statement as to the merchant's bona fides, with the result that he is now at liberty.

Other suspects who were not charged before the Magistrate are also being dealt with.

CANTON'S MASTERLY INACTIVITY.

Commenting on the "Sunning" Piracy, "Shipping and Engineering" of Nov. 19 says:—Whether this latest outrage, which appears, to have been the worst since the attack on the "Sui-an" three years ago, will have the effect of rousing the authorities at Canton from their masterly inactivity, or whether the British Government will at long last take definite and drastic action, remains to be seen; but it is certain that something definite will now have to be done. This is the second piracy in South China waters in less than a week, and in both cases the vessels concerned have been flying a foreign flag. The Chinese authorities responsible can not, or will not, but at any rate do not, realise their bounden duty in this most grave matter, and seemingly will be content to let things go on indefinitely, with Chinese and foreign ships being plundered with increasing frequency, and Chinese and foreign lives endangered and sacrificed at the altar of procrastination. The Companies do all they can in complying with the famous anti-piracy regulations of the Hong Kong Government; the officers of the ships do all they can reasonably be expected to do; the British Navy in Far Eastern waters does all it can do within the limitations of its authority; but piracy still flourishes, and vessels continue to be captured, their passengers and their crews, foreign and Chinese, shot at and maltreated, and their cargoes plundered. And responsibility for the evil rests with some one. It is not the companies, it is not the officers of the ships; it is not the harmless passengers; and it is not the British Navy, which is always ready and willing to do anything and everything in its power to protect British interests and avenge outrages on them.

A certain amount of moral responsibility undoubtedly rests on the British Government for tolerating such a condition of affairs for no less than five years; but the main, the basic responsibility rests on the Canton Government Body. That is a fact which none can gainsay, for the pirates are based in territory controlled and administered by Canton, and unless and until the Canton Governing Body sees fit to either take action itself or come to a tacit agreement that British or any other foreign forces shall be permitted to destroy a pestiferous nest, which is as much an ever-present danger to Chinese interests and Chinese lives as to foreign, so long will piracy flourish. The welcome fact that in this latest adventure the pirates have been outwitted and captured will not prove a permanent deterrent, and the inevitable execution of the "Sunning" prisoners will have comparatively little moral effect: for the pirate knows full well what is the penalty of his offence if he is caught, and the "Sunning" affair will have the chief effect of making him more wary and of arranging his plans with more comprehensiveness and of arranging his plans with more comprehensiveness and cunning.

Piracy on the China Coast is a cancer. A cancer can never be eliminated by the destruction of any of its branches; the only cure is destruction, complete and ruthless. And that is the one, the only

cure for the piracy evil in China waters: relentless and complete destruction of the pirates, their nest and their followers. The location of the nest is known, and the means of extermination are available. Extermination by destruction is inevitable, but when, we wonder, will it be carried out? Have there not been enough vessels sacked already, and enough cargoes stolen, and enough passengers killed and kidnapped, and enough officers murdered and maimed, to satisfy the most hide-bound bureaucrat in London or convince the most apathetic official at Canton? Surely! But why do they not act?

U.S. CRUISER DAMAGED.

Berlin, November 18.—The United States Cruiser "Memphis" put into Hamburg this morning for repairs following a crash during a fog with the steamer "Carsten-Rush." As far as can be learned there were no casualties.—"China Press."

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TOKUSHEIMA MARU Saturday, 27th November.

SADO MARU Saturday, 11th December.

YAMAGATA MARU Saturday, 18th December.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 1st December.

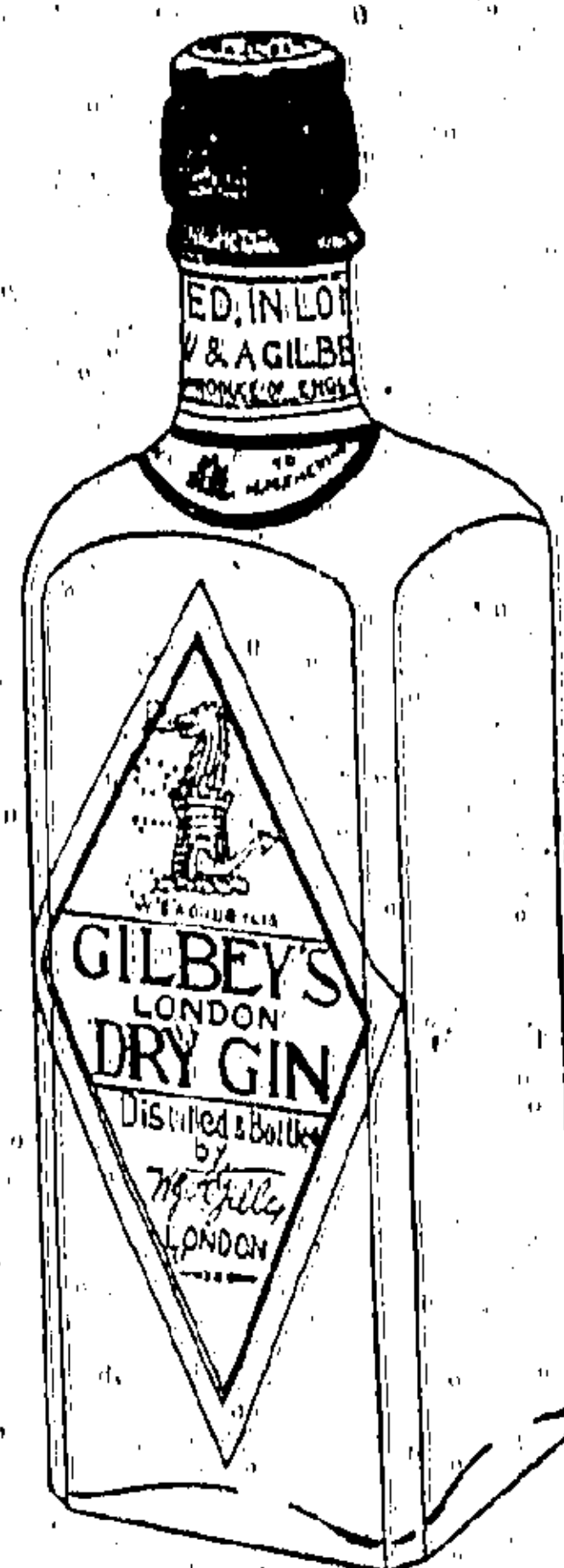
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ment puts its head down and de-
cides to ride roughshod over
local public opinion, the Colony
has no redress—unless the mat-
ter happens to be important
enough to excite the attention of
the House of Commons. There-
fore the "China Mail" fully en-
dorses the suggestion made by
the "South China Morning Post"
this week that a Hong Kong As-
sociation should be formed in
London to present the Colony's
case to the British public when
need arises. The Hong Kong end
of this Association, as our con-
temporary points out, might be a
central committee of the existing
sectional residents' associations.
The idea of such a central com-
mittee is not new, having been
first mooted, we believe, by the
"Hong Kong Sunday Herald," to
co-ordinate the work of placing
the views of the taxpayers before
the Government. That task in it-
self would make a central com-
mittee a valuable asset to the
Colony, but the further work of
keeping British public opinion in-
formed through a Hong Kong As-
sociation in London would give a
central committee the highest
importance, for it would become
the local end of the Colony's only
court of appeal against Govern-
ment disregard of public opin-
ion. The need for such a court
of appeal requires no stressing.
The Government decides to re-
build the Government Civil Hos-

pital on an extremely unsuitable
site—public opinion is solidly
against the decision. What hap-
pens? The newspapers champion
the public's rights, the unofficial
members of the Legislative Coun-
cil raise the matter with the Gov-
ernment directly. And the Gov-
ernment simply takes no notice—
it goes ahead in defiance of public
opinion, calmly indifferent. The
Colony has no remedy, no court of
appeal. Certainly there is the
House of Commons, and a
public meeting may be
organized to invoke its at-
tention. But the community
cannot be holding a public meet-
ing every time the Government
decides to disregard public opin-
ion. Machinery is required for
presenting the community's case
to the Colonial Office, the House
of Commons of the British public
as the circumstances merit. That
machinery can be found in a Hong
Kong Association in London, such
as was suggested by the "South
China Morning Post" this week,
and by a parent committee in
Hong Kong on the lines of the
central body advocated by the
"Hong Kong Sunday Herald."
Combined, the two schemes
offer such a boon to the com-
munity that we hope no time
will be lost in bringing them to
a head, jointly.

Press and Politics.

Just at the time when opinion
is growing in China that the
Press is becoming more and more
a potent factor in the political life
of the nation, a curious examina-
tion is being made into a state-
ment that in America and Eng-
land, if not in other Western
lands, the Press is losing, or has
lost, its power of directing the
opinion of the people. It used to
be said of the London "Times,"
for example, that it made, and
unmade Ministers, and some-
times overthrew thrones. No-
body seems to think that now.
Few men seem to take their di-
rections from their daily paper,
not even when that paper is
known to advocate and uphold
their own views. There are re-
cent instances of this indepen-
dence, this revolt against the old-
world journalistic tyranny over
the minds and votes of men.
To go back as far as 1906, for
example, in England, there was
then a general election, and it so
happened at that time that the
Unionist Party were better sup-
plied with journalistic support
than they ever had been before,
while the Liberals were just as
badly off for lack of it. Yet, what
was the result? A Liberal major-
ity greater than living men could
remember. To what are we to

attribute this? It does not seem
difficult to see at least some of
the cause. We are not so close
as to be blinded by the multipli-
city of searchlights. The broad
issues are clear, there being no-
thing to distract our attention
from them. This being so, we
have no hesitation in attributing
the lessening of journalistic in-
fluence to the actions of the
journals themselves. Take any
representative paper—Conserva-
tive, Liberal, Socialist, Democra-
tic, or Republican: what is the
opinion of the average man as to
the line it takes? Is it not that
the line is as fixed and unalterable
as the laws of the Medes and
Persians? Must not the journal
support its own side, right or
wrong? It must. It cannot do
otherwise, and so long as men
were content to take their judg-
ments ready-made, it was all
right. It is not so now. More
and more men are thinking of
politics rather than of politicians;
things not words, especially words
which may be predicted before-
hand. This leads to another
cause. Men do not read that
which comes with no suggestion
of freshness about it. Arguments
turned out by the yard from
headquarters are apt to be musty.
They are left alone. And when
to multiplicity is added deprecia-
tion of character, as is to be seen
in the "yellow" press, there is
still greater reason why all de-
cent people should think twice
before taking as their leaders
loud-voiced self-appointed guides
whom experience has shown to be
as blind, if not more blind, than
those they would lead.

Police Searchers.

Satisfaction will be expressed
in many quarters that a conviction
for bribery has been secured
against one of the Police wharf
searchers, who was sentenced
yesterday to four months' hard
labour. Under existing condi-
tions, searchers of passengers on
the wharves are a necessity. But
not all the searchers are gifted
with tact in carrying out a duty
of which they are not enamoured
any more than those searched for
arms or drugs. What is worse,
complaints have been rife of
searchers taking bribes. Naturally
the nature of the task lends
itself readily to bribery—or
blackmail—and the temptation to
call that merely a gratuity can be
readily understood. It is one
thing, however, to allege bribery
and another thing to prove it up
to the hilt. Generally it resolves
itself into a case of one man's
word against another's—searcher
versus passenger. The represen-
tative of the "law" has the ad-
vantage all the time—or until by
a sheer fluke he is found out.
Even in the charge heard yester-
day the prosecution's case was
decidedly thin on several points,
of which quite naturally counsel
for the accused made the most.
The merits or demerits of one
case, however, need not detract
from the degree of satisfaction by
those who have lodged com-
plaints of bribery that a conviction
has at last been secured. If it
only exercises a deterrent effect
on an offence alleged to be only
too common on the wharves the
Chinese travelling public will feel
greatly relieved.

CHINA STATION.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW COMMODORE.

The appointments of the new Com-
modore at Hong Kong and his staff
date from Oct. 22 and are the most
interesting in view of the distur-
bed situation in China, says the
"China Express and Telegraph" of
October 28. Rear-Admiral A. J. B.
Stirling, C.B., who has been two
years on the station, and was pro-
moted to flag rank on Aug. 9, is
being succeeded by Commodore
John L. Pearson, C.M.G., who dur-
ing the past three years has com-
manded the aircraft-carrier "Fur-
ious." After being Commander of
the "Leviathan" and the "Benbow"
during most of the war, in the At-
lantic and the North Sea, Captain
Pearson, in January, 1918, became
Chief of Staff to Rear-Admiral
Kemp, in North Russia. In suc-
cession to Paymaster Lieutenant
E. D. T. Churcher, Paymaster Com-
mander Henry Rogers, O.B.E., has
been appointed Secretary to the
Commodore; and Paymaster Lieut-
enant A. T. Phillips, after three
years on the Admiral's staff at
Devonport, has been selected for
duty in the Commodore's office.
A relief half-crew for the
"Tamar," depot-ship at Hong Kong,
is now on its way out. Part of the
half-crew embarked in the "Dart-
mouth," one of the three cruisers
now conveying refugees to China,
which is due at Singapore on Sun-
day; but the greater portion is to
go out by freight steamer. The re-
lief half-crew for the "Tamar" is
departing at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
The "Tamar" is to be replaced by
H.M.S. "Durban," which is to
arrive at Hong Kong tomorrow.

MURDER CHARGE.

SEQUEL TO THE SHAKUWAN AFFAIR.

CROWN OPENS CASE.

Preliminary proceedings were
commenced before Major C.
Willson at the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon in the case in
which a Chinese stands charged
with the murder of a fellow worker
in a hut at Shaukiwan.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor
(Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith) is con-
ducting the prosecution.

Outlining the case for the Crown,
Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the
scene of the murder was the Tang
On Shipbuilding yard, in the Main
Street at Shaukiwan. There was a
two-storeyed shed the upper part of
which was approached by a flight
of steps. Several employees lived
in the shed including the deceased,
Lee Wan, who was an apprentice.
The defendant was a cook.

On October 20 the account of the
business gave the defendant
\$1.80 to go out and buy provisions
with. A stall holder would state
that the defendant was a regular
customer and that on the night in
question he had purchased some
cooked chicken and other pro-
visions. He was in an excited state
of mind and had actually left some
things behind him.

Later in the evening a coolie was
awakened and saw defendant stand-
ing near by holding a bloodstained
chopper in his right hand. The
managing partner came on the
scene and the police were fetched.
The deceased man was lying on the
bed with several wounds on his
face. The defendant was somewhat
dazed and the police would say that
he smelt of liquor.

Continuing, Mr. Whyte-Smith said
that one would naturally question
the mental state of the prisoner.
His history had been gone into as
far as possible and it had been
ascertained that he had had a love
affair and was worrying about it,
but the prison doctor would say that
he appeared to be rational. Coun-
sel was unable to produce any
particular evidence to show that
the accused had had a quarrel with
anyone.

His Worship: There wasn't a
quarrel?

Counsel: We are unable to find
out if that is so or not.

Dr. J. R. Craig, Medical Officer,
Victoria Gaol, said that the body
of the deceased man had been
identified in his presence. He had
examined same and had found three
large wounds on the head; there
were no other marks of violence on
the body.

The hearing was adjourned.

"SONG OF LOVE."

DESERT SCENES IN "STAR" FILM.

All the glamour of the Arabian
desert, the picturesque flowing
robes of the natives, the perils of
a French spy, and the coquetry of
a native dancing girl, is associated
with "The Song of Love," which
was screened at the Star Theatre
last night.

The fanatical Arab attack on the
French Commissioner's residence,
after a thrilling night ride through
the desert, is probably as good a
piece of cinematography as has yet
been produced by First National
Pictures. The spectators enjoy the
suspense of the conflict between
East and West, and are enabled to
envisage the lot of a handful of
Europeans in the midst of a rebel-
lious Arab tribe.

Norma Talmadge, as the native
dancing girl, adds to her laurels
as a cinema actress.

The picture will be shown at the
Star Theatre again to-day and to-
morrow.

Oct. 25 from the China Station,
where she has been serving for
nearly five years. Her present crew
joined her at Hong Kong on Feb.
14, 1924. The "Durban" is to pay
off and recommission on Nov. 2 for
further service in the Far East,
and Captain Hamilton, who has had
nearly 2½ years in the ship, will
be succeeded by Captain G. L.
Coleridge.

While on her way from the China
Station to Plymouth the cruiser
"Durban" had her topmast carried
away when off the coast of Portu-
gal. The accident occurred on
Oct. 21, when the wind and sea
caused the vessel to roll. The
topmast was prevented from falling
to the deck by the wireless aerials
and guys, and no one was in-
jured.

The following appointments were
made by the Admiralty on Oct. 22:
Sub-Lieut. E. W. Howard-
Crockett, to "Despatch," add.; and
C. H. de B. Newby, to "Vindictive"
(Nov. 2).

Following appointment was
made by the Admiralty on Oct. 26:
Lieut. J. H. Cox, to "Hawke"
(Nov. 2).

Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

WERE MERRIE ENGLAND DAYS BETTER?

MEMBERS DECIDE AGAINST.

The motion that the "days of
Merrie England" were happier than
the present provoked some interest-
ing discussion at the opening debate
of the winter season at the
European Y.M.C.A. last night, when
there was a large attendance.

In the forgettable absence through
indisposition of the President, the
Rev. J. Horace Johnston, the chair
was taken by the Chairman of the
Literary and Debating Committee,
Mr. A. S. D. Cousland.

In the speeches for the motion
(proposed by the Rev. H. A.
Wittenbach and seconded by Mr.
W. L. Walker), the absence in mo-
dern days of the pride in his work
which animated the hand craftsman
of days gone by was stressed.

The peaceful tranquillity of the
countryside in older days was com-
pared with its present-day despoli-
tation, and whilst it was admitted
that facilities for transport had led
to greater prosperity, the opinion
was expressed that they had done
much to the destroying of the
glamour of travel in days when even
short journeys spelt romance for the
adventurous.

Modern "Hectic" Tendency.

The mover of the motion main-
tained that the hectic pursuit of
pleasure in modern days by mem-
bers of both sexes had destroyed
rather than created happiness, and
could not be compared with the
peaceful and contented outlook
which characterised family life in
the days of Merrie England.

The conveniences of life provided
by modern science and invention
played a large part in the speeches
for the opposition (led by Mr. R. W.
Sapsed and supported by Mr. T. V.
Harmen). That of the leader
threatened at one time to develop
into a technical discourse on the
evolution of mechanical propulsion
and other scientific discoveries.
The greater opportunity for leisure
moments and the correspondingly
greater provision for spending
spare time in healthful relaxation
was stressed. Much happiness in
modern days was found in giving
expression to the "poetry of
motion" in dancing, opportunities
which in older days were restricted
to Maypole day and times of rare
national holidays. The restriction
of the liberty of the subject in
older days was also touched upon.

Members of the audience contri-
buted to the debate.

Are We Less Free?

Mr. E. R. Price referred to
obligations entailed by modern in-
ventions which were often far
from inducing a happy frame of
mind. With regard to liberty, he
claimed that the shadow of the De-
fence of the Realm Act, which still
hung over England, entailed far
greater restrictions than were in
force in days when the country
folk had plots of their own to till,
common land which was everybody's
property, and could get a glass of
good old English ale without limita-
tion of hours of sale.

Mr. A. C. Howell referred to the
squalid and insanitary conditions
existing in the days of so-called
"Merrie England," the long hours
worked and the little provision of
incineration for pleasurable re-
creation. Merrie England might
have been all right for the "top
dogs" but not for those who were
in a position of inferiority.

A Note of Humour.

A welcome touch of humour was
introduced by Mr. J. Long whose
meteor-like rise to fame in public
speaking assured on the occasion of
"Toast Night" is such that he
has only to rise to his feet to pro-
voke a hilarious greeting. Some
of the audience are still wonder-
ing what was the exact connection
between the Spanish main, Friar
Tuck, jingling spurs and 18 hours
a day. It has even been suggested
that the speaker was somewhat
hazy on the matter himself, but this
may be somewhat unfair, for "Joe"
is nothing if not subtle!

Other contributors to the debate
included Messrs. P. Sands, Sewell
and Terry.

The voting resulted in the motion
being lost by 15 votes to 17, a num-
ber refraining from voting.
At the conclusion, the Chairman
congratulated Mr. Wittenbach off
the excellent manner in which he
had handled the subject. On the
merits of the conduct of the debate,
he said, he would have awarded the
proposers the verdict (applause).

The Bishop of Victoria will
preach at the morning service, his
Lordship's subject being: "The
World's Call to the Church."

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

WHEN changeable weather or ex-
posure to cold and wet results in
bronchitis, start at once taking Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy. Standard
for over fifty years, and strongly re-
commended for stubborn, weakening
coughs. For sale everywhere.

WAR NEWS.

MILITARY CONFERENCE IN TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, Nov. 17. Having finished preliminary negotiations with various delegates including those of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, General Sun Chuan-fang, and General Yen Hsi-shan, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has decided to open a formal conference of delegates tomorrow. Marshal Chang has recommended General Lu Yung-hsiang and Wu Kuang-hsin as high advisers at the conference.

Marshal Chang, entertained various delegates to elaborate banquets, and as this is the first time Marshal Chang has entertained, the attention of the general public is attracted.—Toho.

Allies Commander-in-Chief.

Mukden, Nov. 17. In view of the fact that Marshal Wu Pei-fu, General Sun Chuan-fang, and General Yen Hsi-shan have recommended Marshal Chang Tso-lin for the leadership of the Yelyang faction, it is said that if Fengtien armies commence military operations against the "Red" forces, in concert with Marshal Wu and Marshal Sun, Marshal Chang will probably be installed in the post of the Commander-in-Chief.—Toho.

Reds General.

Kinkiang, Nov. 17. General Chang Kih-shih returned to Nanchang to-day. The Southern aeroplane left for Hankow, in which Mr. Teng Yen-tai is said to have returned.—Toho.

Hankow Labour Troubles.

The industrial situation at Hankow is daily growing more acute. Labour Unions are being organised for all classes of labour and for the moment these are in complete control of industry at Hankow. Large troop movements are being carried on in the Yangtze just now. A great many troops have come down-stream to Hankow while a concentration of Northern troops in the vicinity of Anking is noted. The loyalty of these troops to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is doubted, however.

Trouble in Anking.

Reports were current locally on Thursday to the effect that trouble has broken out at Anking, the Anhwei capital. It is understood that a few of the Anhwei generals have turned over to the South and are fighting against those who remain loyal to Sun Chuan-fang.—"Hankow Herald."

Allied Reorganisation.

After collecting his troops, some 8,000 men in number, General Lu Hsiang-ting returned here the day before yesterday from Kiangsi. It is reported that General Lu will not return to Chekiang province soon, but will remain here for the time being in order to effect reorganisation of his troops. The total number of Marshal Sun's troops now stationed in this city is about 30,000, and Marshal Sun is now hastening reorganisation of these troops and giving them short-term military training.

The suspension of traffic at night is now enforced only after 10 o'clock, and the city has become more quiet than the time when General Sun returned here.—Toho.

Chang, New Leader.

Mukden, Nov. 17. In view of the fact that Marshal Wu Pei-fu, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and General Yen Hsi-shan have recommended Marshal Chang Tso-lin for the leadership of the Peiyang faction, it is said that if the Fengtien armies have decided to commence military operations against the "Red" forces, acting in concert with the armies of Marshals Wu and Sun, Marshal Chang will probably be installed in the post of the Commander-in-Chief of the armies.—Toho.

Shantung Aid Requested.

Peking, Nov. 18. According to a report in the "Huanpao," several Kiangsu gentry including Messrs. Tang Wen-tse, former President of the Chiao-tungpa Nanyang University, in Shanghai, and Han Kuo-chun, ex-Civil Governor of Kiangsu, have requested General Chang Chung-chang, Tupan of Shantung, to despatch immediately reinforcements to the south. Mr. Tang has been elected as their delegate to interview General Chang personally over this matter.—Kuo Wen.

Cantonese Exhaustion.

Shanghai, Nov. 19. According to reports received locally, the Cantonese, through exhaustion and lack of supplies, have been unable to follow up the retreat of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces and therefore have not advanced much from their general line, beyond taking Kiukiang and Nanchang, and consolidating their position in that vicinity. It is believed that a period of inactivity is due to set in and that both sides will "mark time" recovering their strength before embarking on any fresh hostilities.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang still holds Anking where he has a certain number of troops, but the whole of General Lu Hsiang-ting's crack divisions have been evacuated from Kiangsi into Kiangsu.

leaving Marshal Sun only Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces in his possession, with probable control of Anhwei.

Private messages from Hankow state that the Cantonese intend to undergo a period of re-organisation and recuperation, working quietly but thoroughly and make a sudden dash for Shanghai when they are prepared. The object of these tactics is not to create a prolonged and dangerous situation which may bring down General Chang Chung-chang and his Kiangsu troops.—"N. C. Daily News."

Hopes of Anhui.

The war reports are still numerous and confused although there is no fighting at the moment. It is expected that the war will recommence in Anhui at any moment.

The Kuomintang forces apparently expect to be in Shanghai within two months, after having captured Anhui and the remaining strength of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

Marshal Sun's adherents maintain that the Kuomintang will not be here in that time, and that Marshal Sun is in a position to defend Kiangsu and Chekiang. Marshal Sun still has an army of 30,000 rifles and most of the men are of his own troops. He is allied to other groups which might bring his strength up to 60,000 men, which is a larger army than the Kuomintang can send against him. Apparently, his local officials are well organised against the possibility of local labour and student assistance to the Kuomintang through the Communist Party of China.

The situation is one of the most confused which has ever troubled Chinese politics. From inspired Fengtien sources, many reports appear with regard to the requests from Sun Chuan-fang and Wu Pei-fu for Fengtien assistance. From Sun Chuan-fang sources it is authoritatively denied that any assistance has ever been asked for or given and that although cordial relations exist, there is no need for Fengtien troops to protect Kiangsu and Chekiang. Wu Pei-fu's local adherents claim that he also has not asked for or received Fengtien assistance. What the exact state is will be known when the troops take the field again.

Meanwhile authoritative news arrives that the labour unions in the rear of the Canton army are forming a soviet government in Hankow.—"N. C. Daily News."

Release of Ships.

In reply to the telegram sent by the Federation of the Shanghai Merchants Street Unions to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang asking him to release the "commandeered," C.M.S.N.'s vessels and to consider relief measures for the Kiangyung affair, the former on November 17 received a message which reads:—"When we organised punitive forces against the 'Red' Army, we had to 'commandeer' the vessels owned by the C.M.S.N., which gave us facilities in carrying out military transportation. You are well aware that our object is to chastise our common enemy. The vessels in question will be released as soon as their business comes to an end. As to the tragic event on the Kiangyung, we beg to tender our heartfelt sympathy towards the members of the ill-fated vessel who lost their lives. On conclusion of the war, we declare adequate consideration will be made as to relief measures."

In connection with these matters, Messrs. Pu Siao-en and Lo Wei-hou, Directors of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., and Mr. Chuang Chung-chien, representative of the shareholders of the Company, proceeded to Nanking on November 18 to negotiate with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.—"Shanghai Mercury."

RECORD PRICE.

FAMOUS ART TREASURES SOLD.

Rugby, Nov. 25. About \$452,000 was realised yesterday at the second day of the sale of the late Lord Michelham's collection of art treasures, nearly all of it being paid for fifteen pictures.

"This total, and also the price of 74,000 guineas paid for Lawrence's 'Pinkie,' both constitute auction records.—British Wireless Service."

Washington, November 25.—A message from Hazelton, Pennsylvania, says that five out of the six miners in the Tombock mine who were cut off by flooding, on November 16, have been found alive.—Reuters American Service.

EASES RHEUMATIC PAINS.

A STIFF neck is soon eased and rheumatic pains in arms and shoulders disappear when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is rubbed on the aching spot. It feels good to the skin, penetrates quickly to the very seat of pain, scattering the congestion, relieving the pressure and the pain is gone. Sold and recommended everywhere.

SAVOY HOTEL.

OPENING EARLY NEXT MONTH.

The "China Mail" understands that the new Savoy Hotel, the old Lane, Crawford Building in Ico House Street, will be opened on Friday, December 10. A small army of workmen have been engaged upon the reconstruction of the premises during the past few weeks and every effort is being made to have everything in readiness by that date. The new building will have over fifty bedrooms and no expense has been spared to ensure the comfort of guests.

MIXED COURT.

BELGIAN ASSESSOR'S RIGHT TO SIT.

Peking, November 17.—The Belgian Minister declared, in his communication to the Walchoopin, that the International Mixed Court at Shanghai could not refuse the Belgian Assessor permission to sit on the Bench, on the ground that the unilateral abrogation of the Sino-Belgian Commercial Treaty by the Chinese Government would have no command of the rights of the Belgian Consuls.—Toho.

With reference to the restoration of the Mixed Court in the International Settlement, Dr. V. K. Ting, Director of the Wooning and Shanghai Commercial Area, and Hui Yuan, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, have concluded an agreement with the Consular Body, the text of which has already been promulgated. That minor conditions relating to the rendition of the Court are still under negotiation between the Chinese and foreign judicial deputies and will be concluded soon.

It is now learned, says the "Shanghai Mercury," that, as the negotiations are nearing termination, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and Civil Governor Chen Tso-yl, at Nanking, have, in accordance with the stipulations of the agreement, appointed Zee Wei-tseung, ex-Chief Justice of the Shanghai High Court of Justice, as officer in charge to establish the necessary new tribunal in the Settlement of Shanghai. Acting on instructions, Mr. Zee will come to Shanghai soon, and co-operate with Dr. Ting and Hui Yuan in this work.

CHINESE APPEAL.

TO SET BIAS ASIDE AND DO JUSTICE TO CHINA.

The following cablegram has been addressed to the International Court of Justice at The Hague by the National Associated Chambers of Commerce of China and is translated from the "Sinwanpa":—"The 20th century is a period when righteousness should reign supreme; there should be no bias with regard to international relationships between China and the other Powers, lest it should cause impediments in the path leading to peace, happiness and prosperity among the nations and with mankind."

"The Sino-Belgian commercial treaty, which was entered into in 1865, was officially declared null and void upon its expiration on October 27 this year, by the Chinese Government, and, therefore, it should cease to have any effect. According to international usage, therefore, a new treaty, based on the principles of equality and reciprocity, should be negotiated so as to continue the friendly relations which hitherto have existed. Contrary to our expectations the Belgian Government has stubbornly declined to consider the question of revision and insists upon having the term of the old treaty, which has expired, prolonged for an indefinite period by appealing to your honourable Court."

"The only thing that we can do, therefore, and will do, will be to sever economic relations with the Belgian people and express their hope that you gentlemen, who form the International Court of Justice, will understand the situation clearly, put aside all racial and national prejudices and fight for righteousness and justice in this case as with all others that you have dealt with."

An extraordinarily large flock of wild geese passed over Tientsin recently, flying southeast. Their battalions traversed the sky for several hours in steady flight, and their peculiar squawk could be heard till long after midnight, i.e., by those who were not in the arms of Morpheus. As the migrant fowl know the signs better than we do, we may suppose that hard weather is not far off. The mushy snowfall must be a precursor of sharp frosts in the next few days, adds the "N. C. D. Mail."

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Extracts from the week's orders (issued to-day) of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read:—

At 5.45 p.m. on Monday, Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., will go through on the Sand-Table the field-day, which was carried out by the Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies against the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment on Nov. 7.

Applications for Leave, etc. Applications for leave and resignation, etc., from all members, except the Reserve Co., will be sent in the first instance to the Company Commander and not to the Adjutant.

Annual Camp. The Engineer and Scottish Companies will attend camp during the week-end, Dec. 10-12. Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, Dec. 10, for Saturday to count as a full day's training. Members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

O.C. Engineer and Scottish Companies will report to Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS. From Kowloon to Fanling:—Friday evening:—5.29 p.m. and 7.21 p.m. Saturday morning:—6.40 a.m.

From Fanling to Kowloon:—Sunday evening: 5.20 p.m. Monday morning:—7.34 a.m.

RAILWAY WARRANTS. Arrangements are being made with the Railway Co., to issue second-class return tickets to Fanling for other ranks.

The senior N.C.C. or men present will be responsible for the names are ticked off on the list at the booking office as the tickets are issued.

Baggage: Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with the owners' names at Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10.

Rifles and bayonets are not on any account to be left in camp during mid-week.

Bedding will be drawn from the store tent by members sleeping in camp, and returned before members leave on the Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Arms: May be drawn from Headquarters, between the following hours:—From Monday, 6th to Thursday, 9th December:—9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and, on Friday, Dec. 10, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.

Dress for Engineer Company: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, sidearms, pouches, braces, haversacks, waterbottles, great-coats, tunics, shorts, putties and boots.

Scottish Company: Kilts, khaki aprons, khaki hose, flashes, Glengarrys to be worn from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Artillery Company. City and Talkoo Sections will parade at Headquarters on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

Engineer Company. Lights Section parade at Wellington Barracks at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Field Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Signalling Section parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.

M.I. & A.C. Companies. The Companies will go into camp at Fanling on Friday, Dec. 3.

O.C. Companies will report to Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Dec. 1, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

Armoured Car Co. All ranks are requested to attend at Headquarters on Monday, at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m., motorcyclists and gunners.

Special parade on Friday, Dec. 10. The motorcyclists will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Central Police Station for co-operation with the Special Police Flying Squad.

Infantry Company. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Scottish Company. Annual Church Parade: Sunday, Nov. 23. [Details published last Friday.]

STRENGTH.

Promotions & Appointments. The following take effect from Nov. 22:—Engineer Co.: L/Corpl. C. S. Coom to be Corporal; Spr. E. S.

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Entertainments.

November 26—Queen's Theatre, "The Sea Beast,"

November 26—World Theatre, "The Man Life Passed By,"

November 26—Star Theatre, "The Song of Love,"

November 26—Last practice dance for St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m.

November 30—St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

Sports.

November 27—Sixth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 4—Theatre Royal, 15, round bout for the G. M. Young belt, between Able Seaman Ewin (holder) and Stoker Norman Morris.

Auctions.

November 29—Office furniture & fittings, Russo-Asiatic Bank, 11 a.m.

November 27—Miscellaneous goods, at Messrs. Lamont Bros. Sales Room, 11 a.m.

European Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon).

Miscellaneous. November 26—Farewell presentation to the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, from the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Association.

November 28—Watsonians meet at dinner in Hong Kong Hotel in honour of Dr. John Allison, late headmaster of George Watson's College.

November 27—First ramble under the auspices of the Camera Club (Y.M.C.A.).

November 23—Annual Church Trade of the Scottish Company, H.K.D.C., at Union Church.

December 6—Forty-third All Fresco Fête of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral, 8.30-11.30 p.m.

December 7—Free lecture at Old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, by Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.E. of Boston, U.S.A., 5.45 p.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bendoran" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after November 29 will be subject to rent.

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Reversions. The following are permitted to revert to Sappers at their own request:—Engineer Company: Corpl. H. J. Best, L/Corpl. J. Watson, L/Corpl. K. S. Robertson.

Transfers. Spr. H. J. Best is transferred to Reserve Co., Spr. Watson is transferred to the Artillery Co.

Resignations. The following are permitted to resign:—L/Corpl. B. H. Church, M.C., Bugler K. G. Evans, Corpl. C. E. Millard, L/Corpl. N. Drummond.

Leave. The following are granted leave:—Pte. Durran, M.I. Co., to August 15, 1927; Pte. W. M. Mason, to Jan. 9, 1927; Corpl. J. G. Marshall, to March 31, 1927; L/Corpl. J. V. V. Remedios, to March 31, 1927; Spr. J. B. Pomeroy, to Dec. 28, 1926; Etc.

G. W. Spillars, to Dec. 14, 1926; Pte. A. Martellane, to June 30, 1927.

NOTICE

Closing hours for December 1926:

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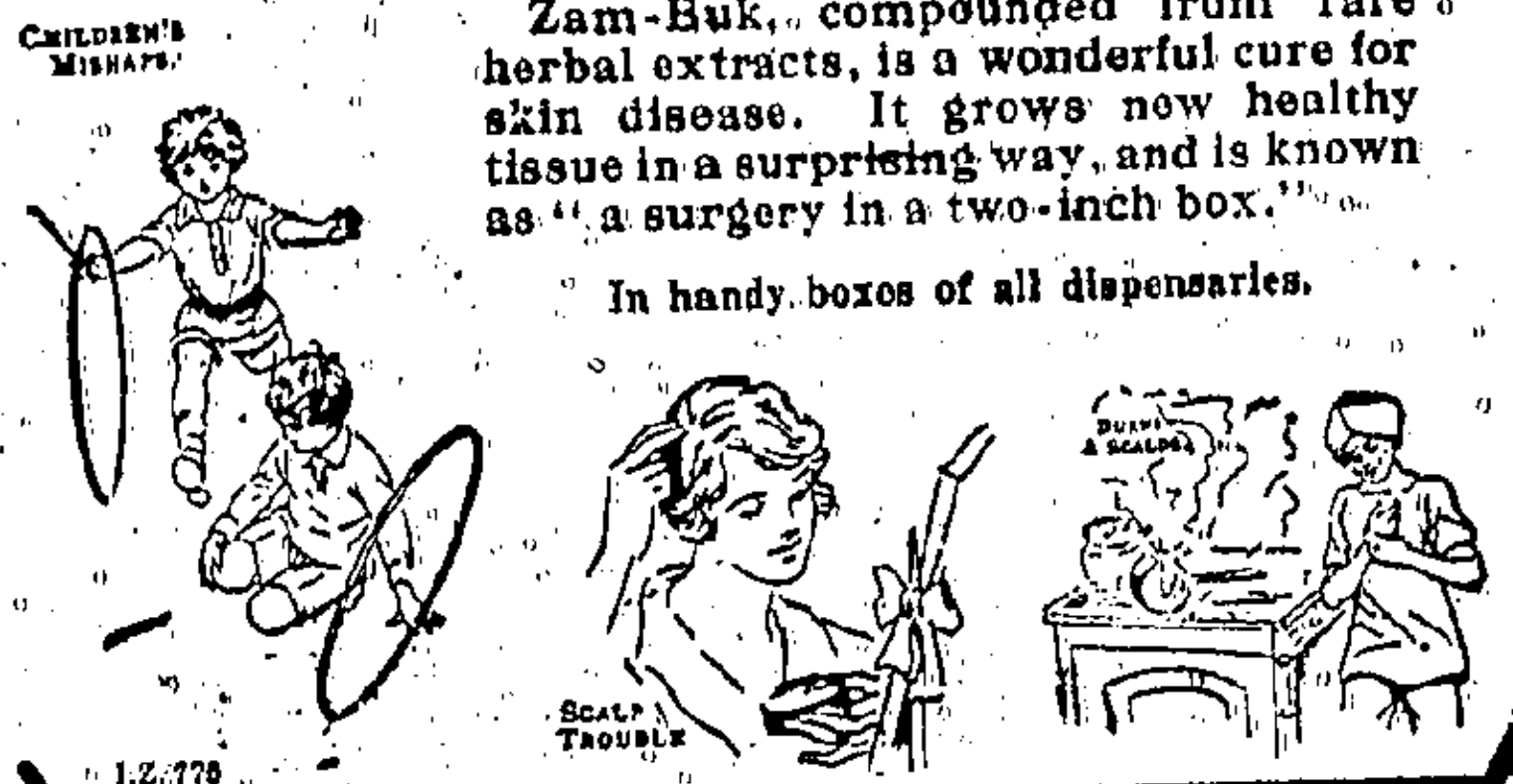
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Thursday, no case of notifiable disease being reported during the last 24 hours.

The Japanese Finance Department has decided to apply the Government-owned Property Law also to the Japanese Colonies as from April 1 next.

Kiyoto Nakagawa, cavalry lieutenant on the reserve list, for whom the police have been searching as the principal in the Bokuretsu photograph case, gave himself up to the Metropolitan Police Board in Tokyo on November 17. The man told Pressmen that the facts of the case would be made clear by his surrender.

At the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon of the case in which a Cantonese Lukong was charged with accepting a bribe, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, after hearing a number of coolies called by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., defending, said that he was satisfied that the Crown had made out a *prima facie* case. Defendant would go to jail for four months with hard labour, the sentence to run from the date of his arrest.

A San Francisco cable of Nov. 18 reports—Charges that Leonard Goodwin Hugar, United States district attorney at Shanghai, accepted \$25,000 in exchange for evidence given him in a criminal case were contained in a divorce complaint filed here to-day by his wife, Mrs. Hugar. The counsel said the facts of the alleged bribery had been given to the Department of Justice for investigation. The name of the alleged briber was given as John Doe.

A Chinese woman, aged 28, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for abduction, in Shanghai in October, 1923, was released on November 17 and faced the world with one copper, one key, and eleven pawnshop tickets (which are overdue and which she threw into the fire there and then). Questioned as to what her plans were, she replied that she would go to her friend's house. She admitted being married, but could not say anything definite about her husband.

A large naval detachment, accompanied by a band, carried out a number of exercises at Happy Valley yesterday morning, causing much interest to the large number of spectators who gathered round.

The Publicity Office of the Harbour Works Department of Macao have published a useful handbook, profusely illustrated, which will prove very welcome to the many visitors to the Portuguese Colony.

For allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle, Mr. J. L. Goldart was fined \$8 by Mr. J. H. E. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. The defendant, who had been previously fined for a similar offence, pleaded that he thought the muzzling order was not being observed as strictly as formerly.

Four Chinese women were charged at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, with having kidnapped four little girls of 7 to 12 years old. The eldest of the kidnapped quartette said that she was brought from Wusieh by a man and was established in the house of one of the accused, in North Szechuen Road. The Bench adjourned the case for one week, fixing the bail of the accused at \$500 each.

Assessor Whitmore and Magistrate Shao, at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, ordered a post mortem to be held on the body of Robert G. Doyle, 7½ years old, whose mother is a Russian and the father English. The boy was found by Mrs. Scrutol and Mrs. Matheson lying unconscious close by an open gas jet on the top of a wall, on October 26. He was immediately removed to the General Hospital where he died on November 14.

The New "Ars" Theatre in Hankow was opened on November 7. It is the first real theatre in the town, compact and cosy, with seating accommodation for nearly 1,000 people. Twice a week, says the "Shanghai Mercury" opera will be played there and on the other nights pictures will be shown. The management have secured "The Globe Trotters" for five nights and thus Harbin will see a real British theatrical company for the first time.

A case of criminal breach of trust was mentioned in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court on November 12 and postponed to the 18th inst., when a Eurasian clerk, named Lambert Goonting, employed in the Chartered Bank, was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of \$2,502. Accused was allowed bail in \$2,500.

The C.E.R. Returns for October shows that the railway is again doing enormous business, nineteen million pounds of goods being carried this year in October against fifteen million last year. The passenger returns have also greatly increased and are likely to further increase, as the country people have received plenty of money from their grain crops.

The special committee appointed by the Russian Christian Association to be in charge of erecting a church house at Tsing-tao is now hard at work. Donations have been coming in every day. Some firms promise to make donations of building material, that is stones, bricks, lumber, etc. The first non-Russian subscribers are Messrs. Adams and Halling.

A Bangkok telegram to the "Straits Times" reports—Armed day was commemorated with services at the Assumption Cathedral and Christ Church. The two minutes silence was observed. In the afternoon Siamese Comrades gave a garden party at which the King was present. In the evening a fancy dress ball at the Sports Club was largely attended.

During the last few months the Outer Possessions of the Dutch East Indies have felt the necessity of a central police service, on the same lines as the provincial detective force in Java. The political unrest and the increase in criminality are the principal reasons for this extension of the police force and the Director of the Department of the Interior is to present the Government with a proposal on these lines. It is hoped, says the "Singapore Free Press" correspondent, that temporary measures will be taken during 1927 whilst definite measures will be included in the 1928 Budget.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Consul, has left Mukden for Tokyo to discuss Manchurian affairs with the Foreign Office.

Mr. George W. Misener, formerly engaged in newspaper work in Shanghai, has returned there following a tour which took him through the principal cities of the United States.

Mr. Stanley Fryer, business manager of the Peking "Leader," arrived in Shanghai from the North on November 16 and will remain there for several days on a business and vacation trip.

The marriage of Miss Lolita Brewer of San Francisco and Mr. Joseph Coughlin of New York took place on November 13 in the American Consulate, Shanghai, Judge Milton Purdy performing the ceremony.

Mr. Sekiya, Vice-Minister of the Imperial Japanese Household Department, stated on November 17 that His Majesty is better, his temperature, pulse, and breathing being easy. He added that the Emperor is able to take soft food, and as things are, he will soon be recovered to such a degree as to remove anxiety.

The wedding of Mr. Kung Tah, head of the Harbour Department and brother of the seventh wife of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang was celebrated on the 10th inst., with great ceremony, the Grand Hotel reception, Tsingtao, numbering over 500 guests. The bride, nee Miss Wong Tze-mai, is the daughter of an officer of the 3rd Shanghai Divisional Staff.

The following promotions and transfers in the Colonial Service have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies—Captain K. B. Williamson, Malaria Research Office, Malay States, to Professor of Biology, Singapore College of Medicine, and Mr. P. H. Forbes, Chief Accountant, Palestine Railways, to Chief Accountant, Federated Malay States Railways.

Prince George arrived at Kobe on November 17 on his trip. He proceeded to Kyoto immediately.

Mr. Morie Ohno, Councillor of the Japanese Embassy in Germany, who is now home on furlough, has been appointed as Japanese Minister to Austria.

Dr. Ernest A. Sturge, M.D., Ph.D., and his wife, accompanied by Rev. K. Miyazaki, Secretary-General of the Japan Christian Alliance, arrived in Shanghai on November 16.

In Tokyo on November 17—Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister gave a dinner party at his official residence in honour of all the foreign delegates to the second Oriental Red Cross Conference.

General Chang Tsung-chang, Tapan of Shantung, addressed a telegram to Dr. Wellington Koo recommending Mr. Ho Yui, Director General of Metropolitan Municipal Council, as successor to the Communication Minister. Mr. Chang Chih-tan, Communication Minister, who has tendered his resignation, remains in Tientsin.

On November 18, the Japanese Crown Princess, proceeded to the Imperial Villa at Hayama and inquired after the health of His Majesty the Emperor. Baron Shidehara, Foreign Minister, General Ugaki, War Minister, and Mr. Okada, Education Minister, and Mr. Adachi, Communication Minister also visited the Imperial Villa. According to an informal announcement, the condition of His Majesty continues improving.

HONG KONG WEDDING.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday, the parties being Dr. Hilmar F. Sommers, of Hong Kong, and Miss Ethel Saffold, daughter of the late Dr. James Phillips Saffold and Mrs. Saffold, of Washington, D.C.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macconnachie officiated. The bride, who was attired in a dark green silk crepe dress, was given away by Mr. Roger Culver-Tredwell, American Consul General, and was attended by Miss Olga Durichmidt as bridesmaid. Dr. Cyril E. Burton was best man. Dr. and Mrs. Sommers will make their home at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Long leave has been granted to Mr. E. T. Naah, Assistant secretary, Shanghai Municipality, from January 20, 1927.

Siao Sui, a staff officer to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and Mao Jen-woo, adviser to the Civil Governor of Chekiang, arrived at the Shanghai North Station from Hangchow on November 15.

A Reuter cable from New York reports that the Queen of Roumania has gone to France, aboard the "Berengaria." She broadcast a farewell message saying the old world and the new must help each other. "Goodbye, dear beautiful America."

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Capt. Vivian Russell Wright-Neville, of the 5/2 Punjab Regiment, to Miss Gwenette Matilda Frederica North, of Kingsclere Hotel, Kowloon; Mr. William G. C. Ham, resident at No. 504 Nathan Road, to Miss Edith Jeh, residing at 235 Nathan Road, Kowloon; Mr. Harold Aubrey Pearson, of 693, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, to Miss Irene Mary Tester, of 47, Kenilworth Road, St. Leonards, Sussex.

Thus "Shipping and Engineering" (Shanghai): We feel sure that all our readers will join us in tendering hearty congratulations to Captain J. Pringle, and Messrs. T. P. Beatty and J. W. Hurst, chief officer and second officer respectively of the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Sunning" on their heroic deed in taking possession of the bridge of the vessel from pirates. Although full details have not yet been received, sufficient is known to show that these gallant officers performed a deed which will rank as an epic of the sea and constitute a glorious page in the history of the British Mercantile Marine.

About fifty people were present at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club last night when a farewell dinner was given to Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., Mr. E. W. Carpenter (commander of the Club) presided. The gathering included Mr. A. L. Shields (Vice-Commodore), the Hon. Mr. C. Mol Messer, O.B.E., Lt. Comdr. R. A. Yonge, R.N., Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. F. Oliver (hon. secretary), Mr. H. B. Cleland (hon. treasurer) and Mr. K. S. Bous (sailing secretary). The guest of honour has served with the committee during the whole of his stay of two years in Hong Kong and also competed in races in his yacht the "Adantic."

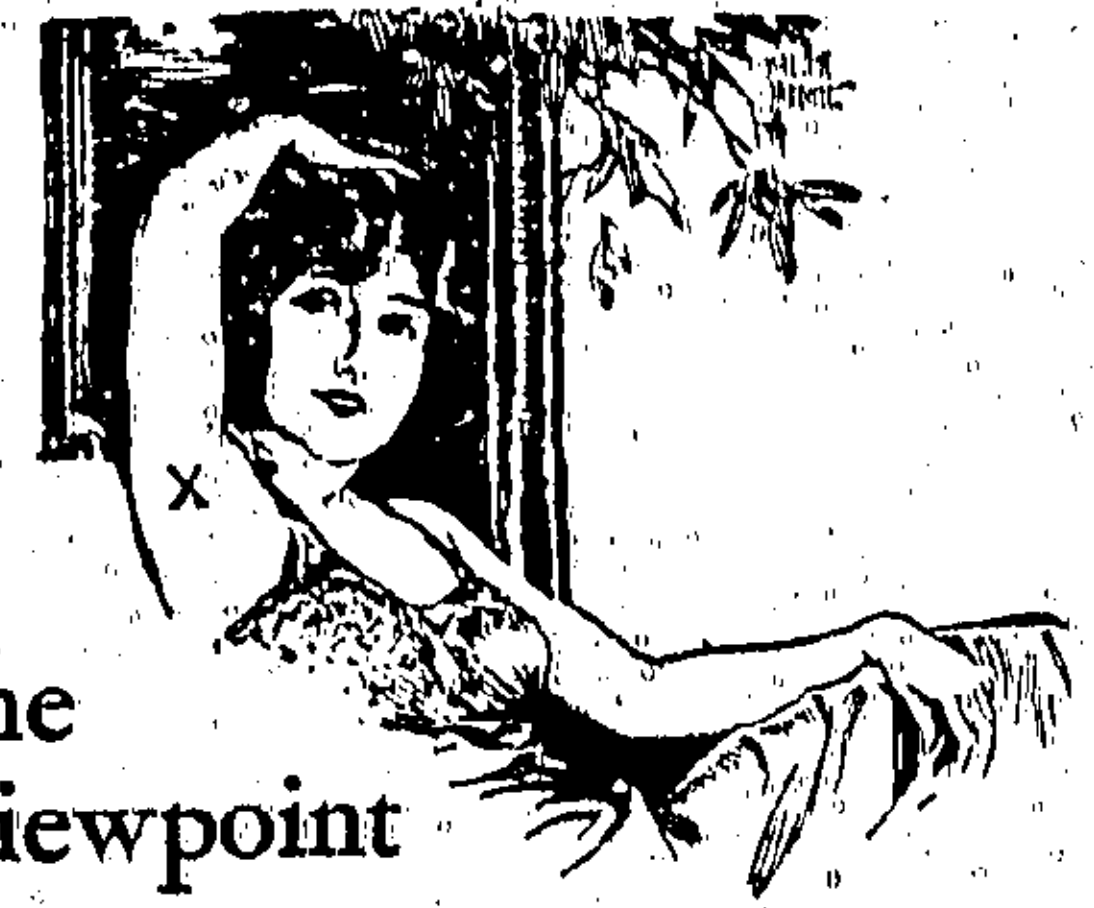
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Six lucky backers each received the abnormal dividend of \$3,777.70 on Saturday, November 20, at a Kiangwan race meeting.

The pony was Silver Wand (ridden by the owner, Mr. T. U. Yih), in a field of 19 in the November Selling Plate. The place dividend was \$118.60.

Another notable result at the meeting was in the Kiangwan Challenge Cup (1½ miles). On November 10, Wheatcroft (ridden by Mr. S. B. M. Bremner) had beaten Morning Flight in the Shanghai Champions. Ridden by Mr. J. Peter Hunt, Morning Flight reversed the verdict but he was more heavily backed than the Shanghai champion.

LAWN BOWLS.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
TO-MORROW.

From an advertisement elsewhere in this issue it will be noted that members of Bowls Clubs and their friends are cordially invited to witness the championship finals on the K.C.C. green to-morrow afternoon.

In the Open Singles Championship the contestants are U. M. Omar, Craigsgower C.C., and Adam Gourlay, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club. Both players have been showing good form of late. Omar has won the singles championship once already, but this, we believe, is Gourlay's first appearance in the final. The former was given at least two "lives" in previous rounds by carelessness on the part of his opponents at critical stages of the game. Gourlay should find the K.C.C. green more to his liking than Omar—but the uncertainties of bowls are as great as those in cricket.

The final tie in the Open Doubles Championship will also be played—21 heads with two woods each. Pendered and Smith, of the Civil Service, have reached the final, but their opponents will not be known until the semi-final between S. Gray and Greig (Kowloon Dock R.C.) and T. Grimes and H. McKenna is played.

At the close of play to-morrow the Spey Royal Cup will be presented and the Second Division Flag will be handed over to the premiers.

VARSITY CRICKET.

The following will represent the University XI in their (Home) league cricket match against the H.K.C.C. 1st XI to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp: A. A. Rumball (capt.), C. W. Lam, H. N. Balhatchet, B. P. Ng, Dr. D. K. Samy, D. Laing, S. Hachima, W. Hong Sling, E. Zimmermann, S. V. Gittins, E. N. Sudan.

A team from the Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated the European Y.M.C.A. by 2 goals to nil at King's Park yesterday.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd and "A" Naval side will meet in a 12-a-side cricket match on H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The following will represent the H.K.C.C.—P. Jacks (capt.), J. C. Dunbar, R. K. Hepburn, R. W. Lee, H. J. V. Stevenson, M. M. Watson, J. D. Crawford, C. Gahagan, F. H. Jones, S. J. Stanesby, D. A. Rushton, and J. R. Way.

Married Quarters Tennis Club defeated St. Peter's Young Men's Club in a tennis match on Wednesday by 42 games to 39. Each side had three pairs, meeting the respective opponents in 9 games each. The winners' team comprised Watson, Newbury, Licence, Parsons, Higgs and Bowers; the losers had Gittins, Zimmermann, Kaluzhny, Pilo, Locke, and Samy.

SOCCER GOSSIP.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE
FIXTURES.

CRITICISM OF REFEREES.

[By "Centre-Half"]

Of late, both from footballers and spectators I have heard much adverse criticism concerning referees in the Colony. Much of it is true, but as with all criticism, it is spiced with exaggeration. I am not condoning the referees' faults. I know fully well they have shortcomings. They have often made me groan as I watched local matches. I have seen several games virtually spoiled by "too much whistle." I have seen "offside goals" scored and counted legitimate and vice-versa. But yet there is much to be said in favour of our referees. On a Saturday, most of them referee two games, and it is tiresome work running about for about three hours. Very often, and particularly so at the beginning of the season, the heat is intense.

Moreover, referees here are paid the "stupendous" sum of \$2 (or is it \$3?) a game. They well earn it. The league cannot pay more, so it is said. There are, I am told, a few first-class referees in the Colony but they turn up their noses at the fees. Who can blame them?

The referees who accept are certainly performing services which warrant higher rates. They do it in spite of the paucity of fees. Therefore, I say that we owe them a certain amount of gratitude. If Clubs are dissatisfied—and I know they are—then let them somehow or other increase the fees. One game is enough for one man. It would certainly enable him to give more satisfaction. Refereeing in Hong Kong is no sinecure.

Prospects of the Clubs.

The Club de Recreo has no game in the First Division to-morrow. The team goes to Macao.

Kowloon v. Club.

Perhaps the most interesting of to-morrow's games in the First Division will be that between the Hong Kong Football Club and Kowloon. Both teams have the same number of points in the League. A certain amount of inconsistency has marked the careers of both Clubs this season. They have both lost to the Chinese Athletic, but whereas the Club drew with Recreo, Kowloon lost. On form each has a good team. There is a likelihood of a draw, otherwise either team might win by a small margin.

Tamar v. K.O.S.B.

Ill luck has continually dogged the Borderers. Both the soldiers and the "Tamar" have the same number of points, but those of the "Kosbies" were secured by the Surveys. The Scots have lost every game up to the present.

The "Tamar" team is also somewhat inconsistent. The sailors were almost defeated by South China last week. To-morrow, I am certainly expecting the Kosbies to win.

Chinese Athletic v. Police.

Chinese Athletic are getting better with each game. Had the Chinese only been wise, had they not split their ranks, a team comprising the best of the Athletic and South China would secure the Championship, I believe.

The Police have fared badly. Certainly they put up a great struggle against the Hong Kong F.C. last week. Strange things do happen, but I cannot think of anything as strange as the Police beating the Chinese Athletic to-morrow. The Chinese should win comfortably.

Artillery v. South China.

I was very much impressed by the game played by South China against the "Tamar" last Saturday. They gave a sparkling display. But to-morrow they have a formidable opposition in the Royal Artillery, and I think they will lose.

The Second Division.

Unbeaten as yet, the K.O.S.B. Reserves should still head the Second Division after their game with the University to-morrow. South China will not be equal to Chinese Athletic "A." I believe.

Quite a good game should result between St. Joseph's College and Kowloon Reserves. The latter should win.

More interesting still, more keenly contested at least, should be the match between Recreo Reserves and the Royal Artillery Reserves. The Club Reserves should have an easy task against Chinese Athletic "B."

In Section "B"

The second round begins in section "B" of Division II to-morrow and each team will have the ad-

CRICKET TOUR.

CHANGE IN THE M.C.C.
TEAM.

FOR ARGENTINE.

London, Nov. 25. Mr. G. J. V. Weigall (Wellington, Cambridge University and Kent) replaces Mr. F. T. Mann (captain of Middlesex, and captain of last M.C.C. Test team in South Africa) in the M.C.C. team to tour Argentina this winter.—Reuter.

[Note: Mr. Weigall is 56 years of age and has not taken part in first-class cricket for some considerable time.] The team therefore comprises:—London, August 25. Mr. P. F. Warner (former England and Middlesex captain, and Test Selector), captain; Mr. N. Haig (Middlesex); Lord Dunglass (Middlesex); Mr. G. O. Allen (Middlesex); Mr. J. C. White (captain of Somerset); Captain Stanforth of the Army; Mr. A. W. Carr (captain of Nottingham and captain of England); Mr. M. F. S. Jewell (Worcestershire); Mr. G. R. Jackson (Derbyshire); Captain T. O. Jameson (Hampshire and the Army); Mr. H. P. Miles; Mr. G. J. V. Weigall.

On Sunday, at 11 a.m. the Chinese R.C. in a cricket match against the Volunteers will be represented by:—Ng Sze-kwong (captain), H. C. Hung, H. Ching, C. Chao, An Hew-fan, J. L. Youngs, W. L. Wei, Yang Hin-lun, K. L. Chau, H. Hung, C. Wong.

Club de Recreo and the Police meet in a League cricket match to-morrow at King's Park, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The following will represent Recreo:—H. A. Alves, H. A. Barroca, F. H. Carvalho, D. F. Lopes, G. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, C. M. Sousa, H. M. Xavier, and A. N. Other.

vantage of being previously tested against its rival.

St. Joseph's Reserves should defeat the Bank Portuguese; Chinese Athletic "B" will not be good enough against the South China Boy Scouts; and South China should defeat Kowloon Reserves. The outstanding game in this division will be between the Chinese Athletic "A" and the Moslem Club.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

First Division.

Kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon v. Hong Kong F.C.—Kowloon.

"Tamar" v. Scottish Borderers—Navy.

Chinese Athletic v. Police—Club.

South China v. Royal Artillery—Sookumpoo.

Division II, Section "A" Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Reserves v. University.

South China v. Athletic "A".

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.

H.K.F.C. Reserves v. Athletic "B".

Artillery Reserves v. Recreo Reserves.

Div. II, Section "B"

Bank v. St. Joseph's Reserves—Sookumpoo, 2.45 p.m.

Athletic "B" v. Boy Scouts—South China, 2.45 p.m.

Athletic "A" v. Moslem Club—St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon "B" v. South China—Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

Teams selected are:—

Scottish Borderers 1st XI:—Anderson, Gardner, Martin;

Everest, Barham, McGill; Connolly, McGovern, Davey, Hume, Craig.

Reserves: Alexander, Lockertie, Conigan.

Hong Kong F.C. 1st XI:—Rogers, Summers, Wallington;

McBride, Stewart, Watson; Taylor, Howard, Linaker, Valentine, Alexander.

Reserves: Hansom, Ralston, Lyon.

Kowloon 1st XI:—Durand; Wheeler, Cavelle; McKelvie, Sims, Duncan; Pile, Spary, Hayes, Miles, Muir.

South China 1st XI:—Lau Hing-chung; Li Th-sang, Chan So (captain); Tin Yuk-on, Fung Man-kit, Cheung Wing-shing;

Chu Kwong-yeung, Leung Wing-tak, Fung King-cheung, Ip Pak-wa, Lai Ting-choi.

Borderers Reserves:—McDougall; Innes, Gear; Drury;

Sergt. Skiggs, Martin; Bandman, Skiggs, Stock, Stephens, Crowley, Weatherall.

H.K.F.C. Reserves:—Slipper; Hill, Purves; Vickers, Brown, Punccheon; Bell, Thompson, Campbell, Johnstone, White. Reserves: Mitchell, Howell, Trambitsky, King, Ross.

Kowloon Reserves:—Wood; Guest, Knight; Parle, Hedley; Baldwin; C. S. Ellis; Vickers; Pasco, Coates, Eastman.

FAST SCORING.

KOWLOON C.C. LOSE TO
BORDERERS.

DOBBIE'S INNINGS.

Each side playing an Interport yesterday to the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers in a fast scoring match.

Captain E. W. Morris (one of the Interports) made top score (63) for Kowloon, who declared with 155 for 6 wickets down. The other man who played against Shanghai was Captain A. G. Dobbie.

His side had lost 4 wickets but he cracked up 90 in an hour (a six, a five and 18 fours). Scores:—

Kowloon C.C.
J. C. Lyle, c and b Thorp 42
E. G. Renton, st. Brown, b Hankey 4
F. Edwards, b Dobbie 24
Capt. E. W. Morris, not out 63
Capt. R. A. Warters, c Stock, b Hankey 1
A. R. F. Raven, b Hankey 7
Capt. P. G. Bevie, not out 4
Extras 10

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 155

N. H. Ross, E. B. Morton, C. H. Atkins and E. J. Gill did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 11 4 26 1
Hankey 13 2 43 3
Perfect 2 0 18 0
Stock 2 0 18 0
Thorp 6 0 34 1
Everest 4 0 8 0

Borderers.

Lt. Hankey, c Gill, b Bevis 8
Capt. Thorp, b Lyle 9
Lt. J. D. Welch, c Raven, b Bevis 10
Lt. Col. L. J. C. Comyn, c Edwards, b Lyle 7
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, hit wicket, b Morris 90
Pte. Everest, c Edwards, b Morris 18
Sergt. Potts, not out 3
Capt. Perfect, not out 14
Extras 5

Total (for 6 wks.) 161

Pte. Brown, Pte. Stock and L/Cpl. Crowley did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Lyle 13 3 43 2
Bevis 6 1 22 2
Morris 10 0 65 2
Ross 3 0 29 0

SCHOOL MATCH.

At King's Park on Wednesday Central British School lost to Diocesan Boys' School by 6 runs in a fine match in which the bowling predominated. Scores:—

Central British School.
D. J. Vickers, c Anderson, b Mackay 1
D. Kelly, b A. Lee 7
G. MacLay, run out 7
J. Hirst, c and b Mackay 17
W. Skelton, c Clark, b Mackay 6
M. Black, b E. Lee 9
G. Carr, b E. Lee 3
W. Hirst, c F. R. Zimmermann, b E. Lee 2
E. Hayse, not out 1
L. Easterbrook, c and b E. Lee 8
Extras 3

Total 68

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
A. Lee 7 1 21 1
Mackay 9 2 30 4
E. Lee 8 1 5 4

Diocesan Boys' School.

E. Lee, b Kelly 4
D. Anderson, b Hirst 0
A. Lee, b Hirst 6
R. Gerrard, b Hirst 0
F. J. Zimmermann, c Easterbrook, b Carr 23
N. Mackay, c Skelton, b Kelly 9
L. Dixon, b.w., b Carr 7
J. Fisher, b Hirst 12
F. R. Zimmermann, b Hirst 2
A. Clarke, b Hirst 0
J. Fox, not out 2
Extras 2

Total 72

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
J. Hirst 10 5 38 6
Kelly 18 2 28 2
Carr 3 1 7 2

HIDDEN ARMS.

INGENUOUS SMUGGLING
DEVICES.

Charged with being in possession of an automatic pistol and several rounds of ammunition, a Chinese brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, was remanded in custody for a week.

Sub. Insp. Moss exhibited a number of ingenious articles in which the contraband goods were concealed. These included a book, the centre pages of which had been cut out, leaving a square hollow receptacle, a pair of boots, in the soles of which the ammunition had been sewn up.

ADVENT SUNDAY.

The "China Mail" is informed that a social gathering will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall after evening service on Sunday. A cordial invitation will be extended to all, including service men. There will be music and light refreshments.

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CHANGED SPIRIT.

NATIVES ATTITUDE TO
EUROPEANS.

It is a fact, and a regrettable one, that for some time there has been considerable stirring up of the native element in the Dutch East Indies and the Straits Settlements. Communist agitators from British India and China have already striven hard to create trouble, but fortunately the prosperity enjoyed by all classes gives small scope for their theories. To gain much ground, and there is little cause for immediate alarm. At the same time education, closer contact with Europeans and a vastly higher standard of living have materially changed the outlook of the workers, and it is well that the Governments concerned, taking time by the forelock, have introduced measures to enable them to cope promptly and effectively with any likely mischief. In this connection a correspondent of "The Times" recently pointed to the cinema as the agitators' special aid. People who visited the Indies after a few years' absence were painfully struck, he said, by the change in the attitude of servants and labourers.

"Without showing overt intolerance there is, in their behaviour towards the whites, an undercurrent of impudence that borders on contempt. There is little now of the genuine respect towards Europeans that was formerly the rule in the East, and one cannot help feeling that the European no longer holds the same place in the mind of the native and that he has, in some way, suffered degradation."

This regrettable spirit the correspondent attributed to the propaganda of organisations which are bent on upsetting the social fabric greatly facilitated by the cinema. No one expects the native to be the same docile and respectful creature that he was twenty years ago. Western education and other benefits of civilisation have been freely given to him to lift him up.

At the same time the European should not lose caste in the process, and we agree with "The Times" correspondent in deploring the feeble censorship that permits the worst phases of European life to be laid bare to the natives by means of sensational American films with episodes of crime, violence and hate. The Governments in the East have responsibilities in the matter, and the fact that certain persons can make money by the exhibition of exciting films is not a sufficient reason for allowing pernicious impressions to permeate primitive people for whose progress we have made ourselves responsible. Pointing out that the rapid growth of Communist propaganda is not confined to the natives of the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies, Sir Charles E. Yate, in a letter to "The Times," expressed the hope, which will be cordially endorsed by all well-wishers of the Eastern peoples, that both the Government of India and the Governments of all the various provinces in India, as well as of the Straits Settlements, will see to it that no further complaints can be raised owing to the absence of a proper censorship of films.—"China Express" and "Telegraph."

GUTTER TREASURE.

In an article on treasure from the gutter, a correspondent of the "Standard" after visiting some of London's seventy street markets, states that recent "finds" include an early Chinese prayer wheel with the words "Hail to the spirit of the Lotus," inscribed on it in Chinese characters. "Packed full of prayers," explained the vendor, but apparently he had no idea of its value, for he sold it for sixpence! Among other Oriental treasures "sold for a song" may be mentioned a bronze figure of Buddha said to be 500 years old, purchased in Hae Street, Walthamstow, for one shilling; an ancient Chinese figure delicately wrought in metal and quaintly carved, bought in the New Cut for twopenny; a Chinese incense burner, for which sixpence was given in Walworth Shool; and a very early bronze statuette of Buddha, purchased in Petticoat Lane, for three pence.

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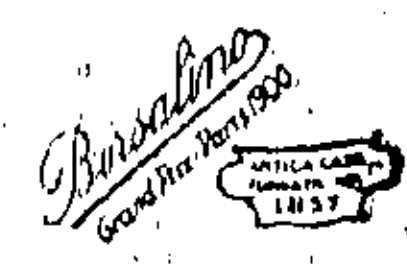
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Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1170	1170	1170
do. London	1178	n	1178
Chartered Bank	221	n	n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230	230 1/2	n
do. C.	212 1/2	213 1/2	n
P. & O. Bank	203 1/2	210	n
Bank of East Asia	84	80	79
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	640	625	625
China Underwriters	1 45	1 45	n
North China Insurance	1145	140	1 40
Union Insurance	206	205 1/2	n
Yangtze Insurance	245	40	205
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	n
H.K. Fire Insurance	617 1/2	615	n
Shipping.			
Douglases	20	20 1/2	20
Hongkong Steamboats	27 1/2	28	27 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 1/4	2 1/4	2
Indo-China (Prof.)	32	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Star Ferries	62	60 b	61
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries.			
China Sugars	27 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Malabon Sugars	36	35	36
Mining.			
Benguets	1 1/4	n	n
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	47 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	27	28 1/2	28 1/2
do. (Single)	14	14 1/2	14 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	74 1/2	5	n
Shanghai Loan	79	9	n
Raub	4 1/2	3 40	n
Tronoh Mines	88 1/2	85 1/2	3 1/2
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	n	n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	122	120	120
H.K. & W. Docks	59 1/2	54	58
Hongkows	117 1/2	n	117 1/2
New Engineerings	76	61 1/2	61 1/2
Shanghai Docks	112 1/2	126	126
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	934 b 10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2
Hongkong Lands	62 s 61 sa	58 1/2	61
Hongkong Realty	6 15	6	6 1/4
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Prince's Building	89	87	n
Rural Lands	1 1/2	n	n
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	110	94 b 9 1/2	9 1/2
Oriental	13	3	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154 1/2	54	54
do. (new)	128 1/2	28	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	1 1/4	10 20	10
do. (old)	9	8 10	8
do. (new)	2	2 10	2
China Buses	9 1/2	17 1/2	17
China Lights (comb.)	10	13	13
do. (old)	14 1/2	10	8
do. (new)	11 1/2	10	8
China Prov.	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Dairy Farms	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4
Der A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusements	16 b & sa	15	15 1/2
H.K. Constructions	13	60 b	2
Hongkong Electrics	61 1/4	60 b 6 1/2	61 1/2
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26	n	30
do. (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/4	24 1/4	24
Lane, Crawford	8	7	7
Macao Electrics	35	n	n
Markintosh	10 1/2	n	n
Nanyang Tobaccos	15 1/4	8 1/4	17
Peak Trams (old)	7 60	16	17
do. (new)	9 1/2	8	7 1/2
Sinceres	9 1/2	9	9
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2
Taxis	2	1	1
United Asbestos	n	n	n
(Founders)	n	600	n
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	n
Watsons	14	24	13 1/2
Wm. Powells	62	5	5
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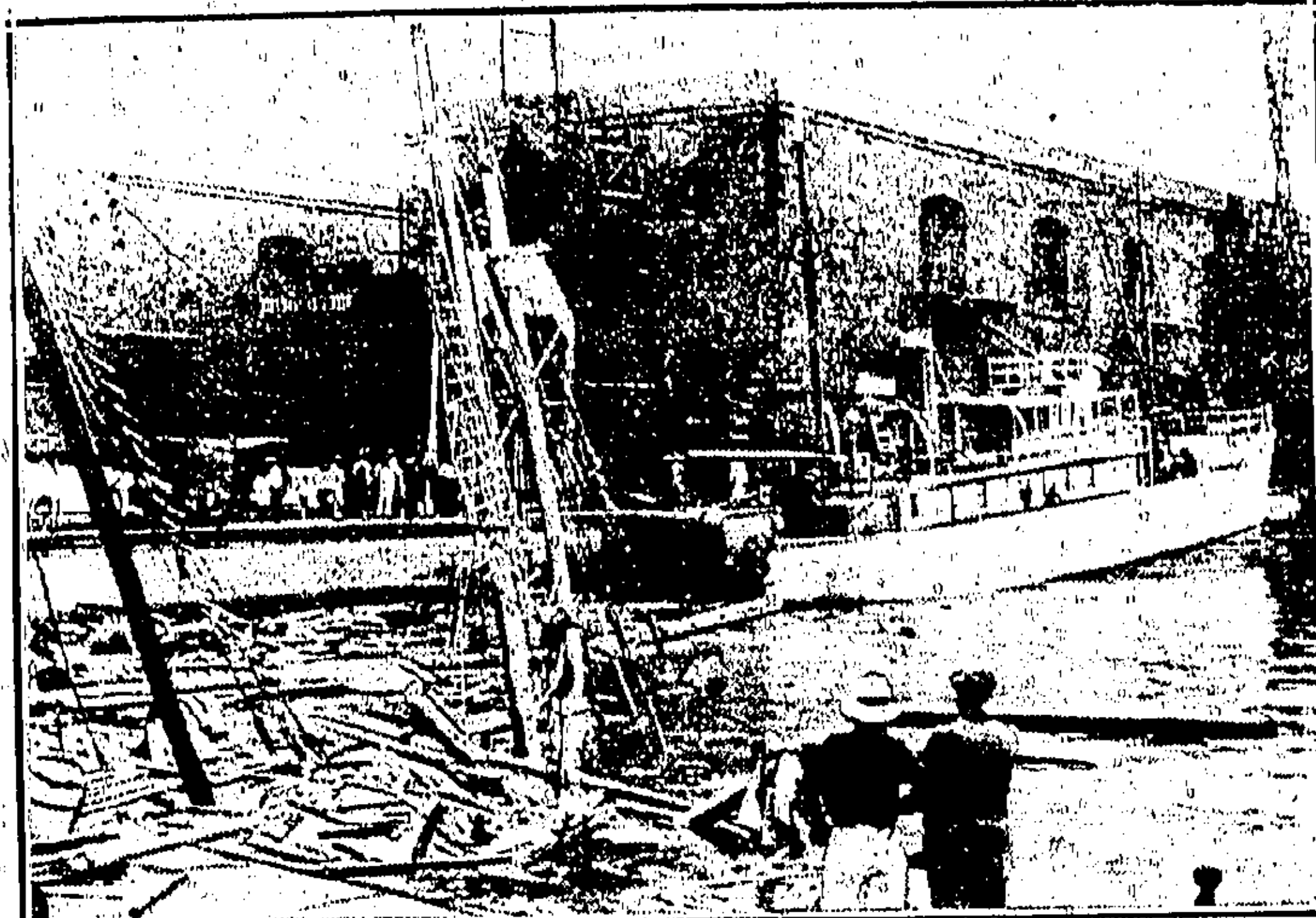
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People and Events in the News of the World



President and Mrs. Coolidge were the honoured guests at the wedding of Stanley Raymond Harris, better known as "Bucky," manager of the Washington Senators, and Mary Elizabeth Sutherland, daughter of Howard Sutherland, former United States Senator and now Alien Property Custodian. Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Raymond Harris with the wedding cake of unusual design, symbolic of the bridegroom's baseball activities.



This first picture to arrive from Vera Cruz, Mexico, since a hurricane there caused death and destruction, shows a section of the water front. Note the wreckage in the foreground and the ship battered against the dock. (International Newsreel).



Photo shows what is probably the longest scrimmage line ever attempted. The coach of the University of Southern California divided his squad of candidates for the football team and the two groups formed a scrimmage line over 100 yards long.



H. T. Bruck, radio operator, stuck to his post on the burning ship "New Britain" until he summoned aid.



Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate, in the environment where he feels perfectly at home. On a visit to the National Steel and Machine Tool Exposition at Chicago Mr. Schwab donned working clothes and tested a machine in which he is interested.



(Top) Wreckage left by West Indian hurricane after it swept over Hollywood, one of Florida's most beautiful developments. Picture gives vivid idea of the scenes of desolation and destruction resulting from the storm. At the right is a National Guardsman patrolling the street following the proclamation of martial law to prevent looting. (Bottom) Residents of Miami in debris littered street standing in line waiting for tickets entitling them to their rations of food. Owing to the great scarcity of provisions and food of all character, stringent regulations have been established and distribution is supervised by city officials.



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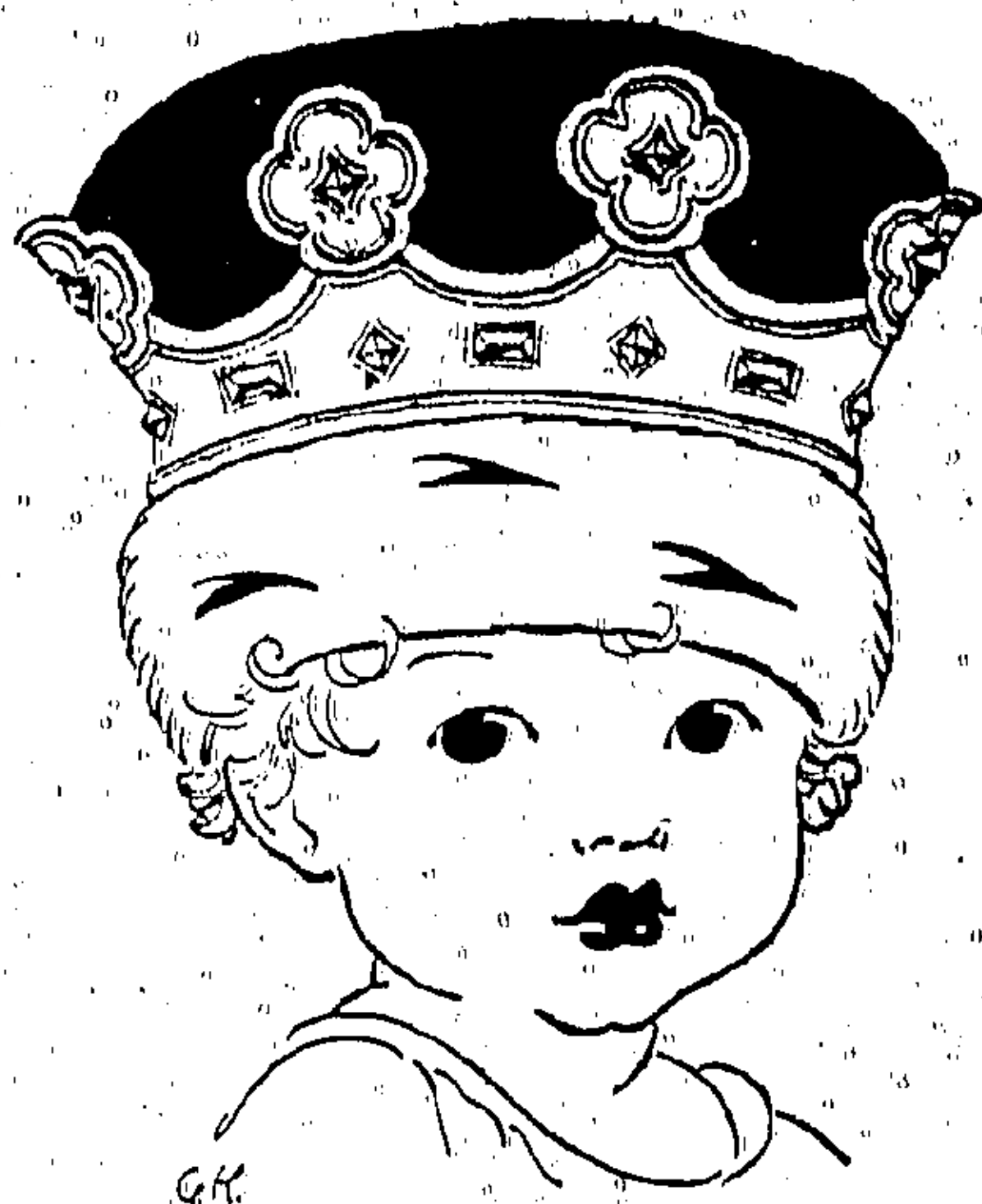
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MOVIE NOTES.

WHAT YOUR FAVOURITES ARE DOING.

NEWS FROM SCREENLAND.

(By "The Hollywood Boulevarder.")

Ralph Forbes, the young Englishman who made his screen debut as "John" in "Beau Geste," has been signed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer on a long-term contract. Forbes is well-known on the legitimate stage, and in features closely resembles the Prince of Wales.

Howard Higgins is directing "Not Herbert" for First National, at the Biograph Studios, New York. Ben Lyon has the leading rôle in the picture, and the supporting cast includes Pauline Starke, Virginia Lee Corbin and Diana Kane.

Harold Lloyd has completed "The Mountain Lad," but it will be some time before it will be released by Famous Players. It is reported that the picture may eventually be released under another name, as Paramount officials declare that the present title will not be much of a box-office magnet.

Nita Naldi, who strongly believes that gentlemen do not prefer blondes, is in Vienna playing for the Sascha Film Company. Her latest production is "The Pratermizzi." Nita says that Europe is much more fascinating than America.

Octavus Roy Cohen, a popular author of fiction, has been signed to write six original screen comedies for Universal. Mr. Cohen has just had published his latest novel, "The Iron Chalice," a book dealing with the underworld of an American city.

Roy D'Arcy, who was the "Crown Prince of Myrok" in "The Merry Widow," has just been given a new contract by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Some critics maintain that D'Arcy's performance in the above-mentioned photoplay even overshadowed John Gilbert's "Danilo" and secured signal honours.

Alice Terry has sailed for Europe, where she will play in her husband's (Rex Ingram's) production of Robert Hichens' "The Garden of Allah." Ramon Novarro will play opposite Miss Terry.

Dorothy Gish has decided not to stay in America, and has ac-

cordingly left for England. She will soon start work on "Madame Pompadour" for British National Pictures, Ltd.

Lloyd Hughes has finished work on "Valencia," which stars Mae Murray. It is a Dimitri Buckowetski production for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The film version of E. Phillips Oppenheim's "The Ex-Duke," has been released by First National under the name of "The Prince of Tempters." The cast includes Ben Lyon, Lois Moran, Lya de Putti, Mary Brian, Ian Keith, Sam Hardy and Olive Tell.

"Paradise," a First National hit with Milton Sills and Betty Bronson, is proving to be one of the biggest successes of the screen.

"The Wedding March," a Paramount special, which Eric Von Stroheim wrote, directed and acted in, has been released. It is a gay, little picture of Vienna, something along the style of "Foolish Wives." Von Stroheim usually discovers new talent in every one of his productions. In "The Merry Widow" he found Roy D'Arcy; in his present picture his "find" is Fay Wray.

It is reported that Mal. St. Claire won't Jask Pickford to play "Clyde Griffiths" and Fay Wray to be "Roberta" in "An American Tragedy."

A Rudolph Valentino Memorial is to be erected by the industry in Los Angeles. It will be done by Matlock Price, a famous American sculptor, and the bas-relief is to be painted by Jerome Brush, son of George De Forrest Brush.

Emil Jannings, who rendered such sterling performances in "The Last Laugh," "Quo Vadis," "Variety," "Metropolis" and "Faust," has arrived in America, and is with Famous Players.

Charles Reisner is directing Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link" at Warner Brothers' studios on Melrose Avenue, Hollywood.

Ken Maynard, who a few months ago challenged Tom Mix's fame in "Senor Daredevil," is back from vacation, and is being directed by Al Rogers in "The Flame of the Border," a First National picture.

Raoul Walsh is directing "The Monkey Talks," with Olive Eorden and Jacques Lerner. The picture is adopted from the celebrated stage success which broke

records in London and New York last winter.

Fox's production of Laurence Stallings' great play, "What Price Glory," is completed. It will be released in ample time for a Christmas premiere in New York.

The title of Johnny Hines's latest comedy, "The Knickerbocker Kid," has been changed to "Stepping Along."

Production will soon start on "The Butter-and-Egg Man" at the Biograph Studios. It will be a First National picture, and will feature Ben Lyon.

Fred Niblo is directing Norma Talmadge in "Camille," a new version of Alexandre Dumas' "The Lady of the Camellias."

Pola Negri is working on "Barbed Wire," based on Hall Caine's "The Woman of Knockaloe." Despite this, Pola's "Camille" is shelved because of Norma Talmadge's production. Pola says that she will play it after her present production.

With all this enthusiasm for "Camille," it may end up in a re-issue by Allied Artists of the Alla Nazimova production of long ago, in which the late "Rudy" Valentino also appeared, as Armande.

Milton Sills has been elected president of the Hollywood Film Guild, a newly formed organization which will strive to further the little theatre movement of the films.

On December 1, Gilda Gray will start work in Hollywood on the Famous Players-Ziegfeld combination special, "Glorifying The American Girl." The picture will cost a great deal of money; it was delayed on that account.

Richard Barthelmess, beloved of "To'able David" fame, has finished "The White Black Sheep" for First National.

Signed merely as a football celebrity, Harold "Red" Grange, under the congenial direction of Sam Woods, has developed into a great film personality. His picture, "One Minute To Go," is acclaimed as an exceptionally delicious treat.

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Xmas letter mail via Siberia for the United Kingdom will be closed in the G.P.O. at 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, the 29th inst., per s.s. "Suwa Maru".
This mail is due in London on or about the 20th December.

INWARD MAILS.

From SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Jackson
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

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Manila.....Pres. Taft
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5.
Manila.....Pres. Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Saloon.....Maud.....3.30 p.m.
Semi-saloon.....Tai Ming.....4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan.....Taima.....5 p.m.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
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CANADA'S ENVOY.

MINISTER TO WASHINGTON APPOINTED.

LONDON CONFERENCE SEQUEL.

Rugby, Nov. 26.

It is announced that the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Charles Vincent Massey as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington to represent the interests of the Dominion of Canada.

Reference to the appointment of a Canadian diplomatic representative in Washington was made in the report of the Imperial Relations Committee of the Imperial Conference.

While the Committee recognised that in the conduct of foreign affairs a major share of the responsibility rests now, and must for some time continue, to rest with the British Government, nevertheless practically all the Dominions are engaged—some to a considerable extent—in the conduct of foreign relations, particularly those with foreign countries on their borders.

The growing work in connection with the relations between Canada and the United States was cited as an example.

The Imperial Relations Committee expressed the view that "most fruitful results can be anticipated from the co-operation of His Majesty's representatives in the United States already initiated and now further to be developed."

The Hon. Mr. Massey is a member of the Canadian Privy Council, and has held ministerial rank in Canada.

The interests of the Irish Free States are also represented in Washington by a Minister Plenipotentiary. — British Wireless Service.

"WISE."

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE WORK.

DOMINIONS OPINION.

Rugby, Nov. 25.

The results of the Imperial Conference, are the subject of favourable comment in the Dominions. Attention is particularly directed to the document in which the Conference recorded its views as to the relationship existing between the various parts of the Empire, and telegrams from overseas indicate that such changes as are proposed are generally speaking, regarded as wise and inevitable.

Details of the methods whereby closer communication between the Government in Britain and the Dominions is to be maintained, were left by the Conference for subsequent settlement, but Mr. Coates, the New Zealand Premier, stated yesterday that proposals would be at once considered for improving contact between New Zealand and the Home Government; the idea being to have more direct and personal communication. He hoped that a system would also be inaugurated by which there could be an interchange of views and outlook between the Sister Dominions.

In order to discuss the effect of the change in the King's title, a deputation from Northern Ireland, including its Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, waited on the Home Secretary yesterday. A communique issued later stated that the change proposed "will not affect in any way the existing constitutional position of Northern Ireland either in relation to Great Britain or in relation to the Free State." The proposed title does not make any effort to define the various political units composing the Empire. It is a descriptive title on geographical, and not on political lines of territories of which His Majesty is King. The term Ireland, like other terms in the proposed title, has a geographical significance only, and the use of that term in no way affects the distinction between the Free State and Northern Ireland as constitutional entities—the Free State having Dominion status and Northern Ireland being represented in the same parliament as Great Britain, and being subject in many matters to the same legislative and executive authorities as Great Britain. — British Wireless Service.

BELGIAN TREATY.

British Government's Attitude.

REVISION "ILLEGAL."

Chinese Seeking League's Verdict.

London, Nov. 25.

In the House of Commons today, asked what the British Government's attitude was towards the Belgian Government's request for British support in opposition to the action of the Government at Peking in denouncing the Sino-Belgian treaty, Mr. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that His Majesty's Government had intimated in reply to an enquiry from the Belgian Government that in their view the Chinese Government had no legal right under the treaty of 1865 to propose revision of the instrument. — Reuter.

Chinese Statement.

Geneva, Nov. 25.

The Chinese delegation to the League of Nations in a statement to the Press denies that the Chinese Government is being evasive regarding the reference of the Sino-Belgian treaty dispute to the International Court of Justice. The statement says that the question at issue centres not in the legal interpretation of Article 46 but in the application of the principle of equality and reciprocity which is purely political.

The statement adds that no Government can agree to submit the fundamental principle of the equality of nations to judicial examination. If the matter must be referred to an international organisation it should be brought to the attention of the League Council or the Assembly, in accordance with Article XI of the Covenant. — Reuter.

Russia Still Making Mischief.

Riga, Nov. 25.

A message from Moscow states that at the plenary conference of the executive of the Communist International, M. Bukharin, in a speech, declared that in spite of the recent internal crisis, the Communist Party would continue on the path to revolution. The tasks of the present conference were consolidation and further Bolshevisation of the Communist Party, the solution of the great problems of Great Britain and China, and the approaching struggle in Central Europe. M. Bukharin promised the workers and peasants of the Dutch Indies the unlimited support of the Communist International in their "bloody struggle." — Reuter.

News Through Navy.

Hankow, Nov. 25.

The Labour situation is causing anxiety. There has been a run on the Bank of China, but the branches have lasted out.

An interview with General Chang Kai-shek is published, in which he states that the Southern Government intend to take over the Customs, Salt, Gabells and Postal Service, to secure the return of the Concessions and to cancel treaties and extra-territoriality.

The situation is not yet settled. Armed Southern soldiers are still attempting to enter the Concession.

Nanking.

It is reported that Fengtien troops are arriving at Pukow, their destination being Anking.

Chinkiang.

Large numbers of troops are arriving from up-river. It is reported that a Northern attack on the Southerners on a large scale has now been organised.

Naval Dispatch.

Fighting Rumour.

Shanghai, Nov. 25.

Fighting is reported to have broken out at Hangchow to-day between troops of the Civil Governor Chen Yi and those formerly commanded by Hsieh Chao.

The report of fighting at Hangchow, which has hitherto been unconfirmed, appears to be most unsubstantial especially as the railway service has not been discontinued. — Reuter.

TOUR OF INDIA.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION'S SURVEY.

A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS.

Rugby, Nov. 25.

The Royal Commission on Agriculture in India is now making a tour of India which will occupy at least six months.

The Commission is supplementing its personal investigations by a questionnaire which is designed in the words of the note appearing as a preface "to give individuals possessing the most diverse experience in agricultural and rural matters an opportunity for placing before the Commission their views on those subjects with which each individual is himself particularly familiar."

The questionnaire gives an excellent idea of the variety of the problems with which the Commission is called on to deal.

Every branch of agricultural science and practice is represented, including such subjects as veterinary medicine, irrigation and forests.

There are questions on agricultural education, demonstration and propaganda, finance, labour, marketing and rural welfare.

A long string of questions deals with the co-operative movement which has made such marked progress in India of recent years. — British Wireless Service.

LYING IN STATE.

RESPECT FOR LATE SOVIET ENVOY.

ASHES TO GO TO RUSSIA.

London, Nov. 25.

M. Krassin's body is being cremated in London.

The ashes, which will be transported to Russia, are now lying in state, members of the Embassy staff forming a guard. The Soviet flag is at half mast.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain called at the Embassy to express his condolences. — Reuter.

LEADERS ARRESTED.

JAVA REVOLT FINALLY OVER.

Batavia, Nov. 25.

The rebel "dictator" Surio Suparmo has been arrested.

It appears clear that the Communist organisation has now been broken up and all the leaders captured.

The authorities have warned the natives to return to their villages, otherwise they will be considered rebels. — Reuter.

GLASGOW VISITED.

OVERSEAS STATESMEN WELCOMED.

Rugby, Nov. 25.

Mr. L. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Coates, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Monroe, the Prime Minister of Newfoundland and the Maharajah of Burdwan visited Glasgow to-day.

Mr. Coates inspected the locomotive works of the North-British Railway, while Mr. Bruce and Mr. Monroe went over the vast shipyard at Clydebank of John Brown and Co.

Later in the day the four statesmen attended receptions given by the University and by the City Corporation. — British Wireless Service.

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